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## Arts Center Welcomes New Director of Learning



**(Pueblo, Colo.-July 24, 2020)** The Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, which houses Pueblo's largest public art collection and serves over 130,000 visitors annually, welcomes Chelsea Johnson as the new Director of Learning effective August 1, 2020. This position oversees Arts Center educational offerings and the Buell Children's Museum.

Chelsea Johnson is from Palmer Lake, Colorado where she lives with her family. She has experience working for the Douglas County School District at an OutwardBound/Expeditionary School in Castle Rock, Colorado. Johnson holds a teacher's certificate, principal's license, and a master's degree in Educational Leadership. Johnson has also served as a "Sources of Strength" trusted adult, a teacher mentor, and taught expeditionary classes on content like mindfulness, ukulele, comedy improv, playwriting/directing, and world drumming.

Her most recent teaching experience as director of performing arts at the expanding expeditionary program's secondary school (6-12 grade), included directing full-length productions such as Steve Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie and musicals like "Big Fish" and "Footloose."

Johnson's passions include teaching the creative process, finding opportunities to play and perform, and collaboratively creating amazing, engaging learning opportunities for everyone.

Says Johnson, "I am truly excited to meet the opportunity, crew, and adventure at Sangre de Cristo Arts Center as Director of Learning."

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### ***About the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center:***

The cultural hub of Southern Colorado, the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center gives visitors the tools to think and act creatively through a three building complex including seven galleries offering the best in historic and contemporary art by artists of local, regional and national renown. The Arts Center offers the Buell Children's Museum, recognized as the second-best for art by Child magazine, a 500-seat theater featuring a variety of performing arts programs, both local and national, and two gift shops. Over 100 fine arts, dance, and leisure classes are available quarterly providing unique offerings to everyone from children to adults of all skill levels. Admission to the Arts Center is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, seniors 65+, and military. For more information, please call 719-295-7200; stop by the Arts Center located at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., just off of I-25, exit 98B, or visit online at [www.sdc-arts.org](http://www.sdc-arts.org).

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