



Carroll County Arts Council
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Westminster – The Carroll County Arts Council Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Stephen Strosnider as the Executive Director. Strosnider’s appointment follows a unanimous vote by the Board and will take effect on November 24, 2024.

Strosnider brings a wealth of theater management experience and a strong commitment to arts leadership. He joined the Arts Council staff in 2022, as assistant director. In June 2024, he took on the role of interim executive director.

“We are delighted to welcome Stephen Strosnider as our next Executive Director,” said Gail Slater, President of the Arts Council Board. “His impressive background in theater management will propel CCAC forward in its mission to enrich the community culturally and economically, by presenting, promoting, and supporting a wide variety of arts opportunities in Carroll County.”

As the assistant director, Strosnider was instrumental in utilizing technology to improve operations. In his role as interim executive director, the board has been impressed with this ability to take a comprehensive view of a project while maintaining focus on numerous details. He is an effective communicator committed to community engagement. The board was also impressed with the staff’s solid support for Strosnider’s appointment to this leadership role.

This year, Strosnider is participating in the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Carroll program.

“I am honored to be appointed as the new Executive Director of the Carroll County Arts Council and will uphold our vision to be a vital public resource where everyone can pursue, enjoy, and understand the power of the arts,” said Strosnider. “Together, we can create sustainable practices that provide for the community’s needs and make space for bold ideas.”

Prior to joining the Arts Council, Strosnider worked as a technical director and theatre facilities coordinator at McDaniel College, Glenelg Country School, and Carroll Community College. Throughout his career in education, he has taught courses in Stagecraft, Acting, and Civil Engineering & Architecture.

Locally, Strosnider’s directing experience includes: *The Sound of Music* for September Song, and *La Boheme* for Carroll Community College. Most recently, he was the scenic designer for the production of *Young Frankenstein* at Carroll Community College, where he also starred in their productions of *Into the Woods* and *Spring Awakening*. Regionally, he has appeared in productions at the Kennedy Center, Metro Stage, in the TV series *VEEP* on HBO and in *House of Cards* on Netflix.



Strosnider was born and raised in Carroll County. He has a BFA in Acting from Shenandoah University. Since childhood he has been involved in the performing arts and has worked alongside his family in both the Carroll Players and Mt. Airy Players theatre groups. He lives in New Windsor with his wife and two children.

Please join us in welcoming Stephen Strosnider to his new leadership role at the Carroll County Arts Council. We have a wide variety of events planned this holiday season, including the Festival of Wreaths (November 29-December 8), so please stop by and talk with Stephen.

PHOTO: Stephen Strosnider, Executive Director

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