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## **The A2AC Hires Jenn Cornell Queen as New Executive Director**

### ***Queen Chosen for Non-profit and Community Relations Expertise, Will Expand on the A2AC's Success and Prominence in Community***

**December 21, 2022 – ANN ARBOR, MICH.** -- The Ann Arbor Art Center (A2AC) board of directors has chosen non-profit and community relations veteran Jenn Cornell Queen to be its new executive director. In this role, Queen will support the organization's mission to deliver innovative programming, exhibitions, and arts education to the community, through a focus on fundraising and community outreach.

*"Jenn's broad ties in our community, her solid track record of fundraising for a range of nonprofit organizations, her ability to build partnerships, and her passion for ensuring Ann Arbor is a vibrant, cultural destination made her the stand-out candidate for this role,"* said Anne Cooper, chair of the A2AC board of directors. *"This is an exciting time for the A2AC; a new gallery space, an all-time high demand for programming, and our evolving opportunity to bring art to public spaces make the A2AC well-positioned for community support and partnerships. We know that Jenn has the skills and determination to create meaningful relationships that will accelerate the A2AC's long-term success."*

Queen, who previously worked as the senior vice president of marketing, communications, and events for Ann Arbor SPARK, has deep knowledge and experience with developing and cultivating partnerships, creating inventive and inviting programming, attracting funding for nonprofits, and aligning activities around an organization's strategic plan and mission. In addition to her role at SPARK, Queen was previously an entrepreneur who started and ran both a successful communications firm in Ann Arbor as well as a weightlifting gym in the city. She currently serves on the boards of the Ecology Center, Washtenaw Community College's Women's Council, Ann Arbor's Main Street Area Association, and the Family Learning Institute.

*"I am enthusiastic to hit the ground running, working alongside the talented team at the A2AC as well as the board of directors,"* said Queen. *"My focus will be on building on the institution's value not only in its central role in our creative culture, but also its prominence as a destination for those who want to enjoy and create art. Between the new gallery, ever-increasing demand for arts education, and unique programs like ArtLab, there's incredible potential to bring new attention and support to the A2AC."*

### **About the A2AC**

For over a century, the A2AC, a non-profit organization, has sparked creativity in people of all ages, backgrounds, and artistic abilities. Our mission is to be a contemporary forum for the visual arts through education, exploration, collaboration, and exhibition. We aim to engage minds, expand perspectives, and inspire growth in students of all ages, teachers, artists, and the community. We are empowered to carry out our mission through the support of individuals, corporations, and



foundations who believe in the value of our work and in creativity's essential role in sustaining and elevating our everyday experience. In fulfilling our mission, the Art Center serves as a regional hub for the visual arts. It prioritizes the long-standing partnerships we cultivate as a keystone for Ann Arbor's healthy cultural and civic life ecosystem. Join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#).

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