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**Mesa Arts Center announces George Nunes as new Director of Development**

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**Mesa, AZ** – Mesa Arts Center is pleased to announce George Nunes as its new Director of Development. His appointment comes at the end of an executive search process guided by Arts Consulting Group.

"We are excited to bring such a seasoned and passionate Development Director onto our team, especially someone with a breadth of multidisciplinary experiences. Former supervisors and former employees speak highly of George's ability to build relationships with a wide variety of donors, act strategically to increase contributed income and use data effectively to target fundraising efforts," said Cindy Ornstein, Executive Director, Mesa Arts Center, and Arts and Culture Director, City of Mesa.

Nunes most recently worked as development director at Ballet Arizona, and prior to that he held positions at Seattle Art Museum, Pacific Northwest Ballet, among other organizations. In his career as a fundraiser, Nunes calls upon the discipline, tenacity and creativity he learned as a professional dancer. He combines this experience with hard lessons learned as a family business owner and joyful ones gained as a community volunteer. George holds degrees from Dominican University of California, Golden Gate University, and University of Washington.

Nunes said of his new post, "The diversity of performing and visual arts experiences at Mesa Arts Center that our community can participate in inspires me. I look forward to listening to our stakeholders to figure out how I can help make a great city and art scene even greater!"

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**About Mesa Arts Center**

Mesa Arts Center, owned and operated by the City of Mesa, is a unique, architecturally stunning facility located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Arizona's largest multidisciplinary arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries in the MCA Museum, and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment, performances and festivals, world-class visual art exhibitions, and outstanding arts education

classes. The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. For more information, visit [mesaartscenter.com](https://www.mesaartscenter.com).