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Mesa Arts Center announces Laura Wilde as Studios Manager

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Mesa, AZ – Laura Wilde, Executive Director of XICO, Inc., will leave her post May 11 to take on the Studios Manager role at Mesa Arts Center (MAC) beginning May 14. Wilde will oversee programming in Mesa Arts Center’s 14 state-of-the-art studios which offer nearly 1,000 visual and performing arts classes annually in a wide variety of mediums. Wilde is filling the role at MAC following the retirement of Billy Jones, who led the Art Studios programs

for 19 years and retired May 1, 2018.

Mandy Tripoli, Director of Community-Engaged Practice at Mesa Arts Center said of the transition, “We are thrilled to welcome Laura Wilde to the Mesa Arts Center team. Laura brings a range of experience in a variety of different roles and is well prepared to lead the Art Studios programs.”

Prior to her role with XICO, Inc., Wilde worked at Phoenix Center for the Arts and Mesa Arts Center managing community engagement and educational programming for youth and adults, and at Phoenix Art Museum as the annual giving coordinator. She currently sits on the City of Phoenix Arts and Culture Commission and chair of the Arts Learning subcommittee. An Arizona native, Wilde graduated from Arizona State University with dual degrees in Art History and Museum Studies. In 2010, Wilde was awarded the City of Tempe Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Award for youth programming.

Mesa Arts Center is located at One East Main Street in downtown.

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About Mesa Arts Center

The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. Owned and operated by the City of Mesa, Arizona’s largest arts center is recognized as an international award-winning venue. The unique and architecturally stunning facility is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios and an artist cooperative gallery. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.