

**CAROLYN MOSER**

Outgoing Executive Director

I am sure at this point you have already heard I am stepping down as the Executive Director at the end of January. It has been a wonderful two and half years and I am ready to pass the baton! I stepped into JSA to help with the accounting and am excited to report that I will be staying on a few hours per week to continue to do the accounting! Cherie, our new director, comes to us with a lot of passion and great ideas. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet her, reach out! Thank you for all the great memories and I look forward to seeing you around!

Carolyn Moser**CHERIE GOOD**

Executive Director

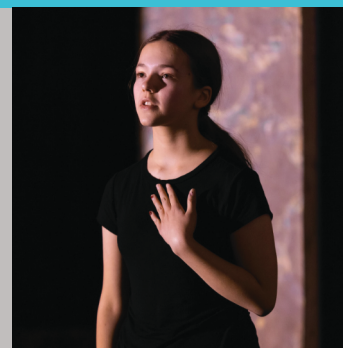
Hello to you all!

As Jackson School of the Arts' new Executive Director, I want to share with you how excited I am for us as an organization! The current leadership team, under the guidance of Carolyn Moser, has achieved so many amazing milestones in the last two years. This is something that needs to be recognized and celebrated by our community! JSA has moved into a beautiful new building in the heart of Jackson, programming has expanded, and enrollment has increased.

It is my focus to champion the same energy to ensure that we keep the momentum going! I want to keep our attention around the amazing core mission of the organization - to provide equal access to the arts regardless of financial means. My initial goal is to hear our family and staff stories, meet with community supporters and current/future partners, provide advocacy and awareness as to what makes our non-profit so necessary in our community while providing updates on current needs, events and opportunities.

I have a passion for the arts with over 20 years of dance experience. I know the confidence it brought to me as a child and I see this same confidence coming to life in my own two kids who attend JSA. I have a strong heart for our local community through volunteer work with an extensive business background that will help to support the continued growth of our organization. Please join me in thanking Carolyn for the wonderful job she's done! I look forward to meeting many of you in the near future! If you have not heard about our great mission as a local non-profit or had a tour of our facility, let's set up a time to meet.

Shine Bright,

Cherie Good**Board of Directors**

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Donations and Sponsorships play a critical role in part of our success to carry out our mission at Jackson School of the Arts. Donations are used to provide needed supplies in classrooms and for our aspiring artists to have access to new mediums that have never before been introduced. We are able to get new costumes for our budding dancers so they can walk on stage in confidence or provide a new dance leotard and shoes as they walk into class for the first time.

Sponsorships help us to introduce exciting new programs and events to those of all ages! Sponsorships also help to support a student, classroom, or program in its entirety.

Without all your help, we would not be able to provide the variety of programs and positive experiences that we do! Your generosity helps us continue our mission of providing quality accessible arts education

programs for Jackson County youth regardless of their financial means. We would like to take this time to thank our generous sponsors and donors who have helped us this past quarter to end 2022 on a high note.

If you are interested in sponsorship or donation opportunities, please scan the QR Code below or call us at (517) 784-2389.



END OF YEAR THEATER PRODUCTIONS

THEATER STUDENTS DISPLAY NEW SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE



We are so proud of how far our theater program has come over the last year. More dedicated space, talented instructors, and new equipment have all contributed to a creative environment where our students thrive. The program has experienced so much growth and continues to develop.

Our fall season of theater concluded with a handful of wonderful shows. These performances showed off all of the hard work our instructors and students put in this season.

To start things off, our Acting 101 students stepped outside of their comfort zones to perform captivating solo monologues on stage before performing scenes from three different plays.

Large audiences of family and friends came to enjoy Acting 101's performance, as well as The Madrigals, A Christmas Carol, The Adams Family, and A Tale of Narnia. Some of our

larger production classes even performed three shows in one night to accommodate the number of people wanting to attend.

Each performance had its own unique cast, costuming, and lighting. Our students portrayed their characters well, while showing off distinct and recognizable personalities, bringing these productions to life!

All of our theater classes provide plenty of learning experiences from setting the stage for different scenes to keeping up with the pace of the production.

This program keeps growing, and enrollment for Winter/Spring 2023 is already breaking previous enrollment records! Thank you to all those involved for your part in helping our students, spreading the word, and through financial contributions!

FAIRY FESTIVAL IS BACK

OUR MOST ANTICIPATED EVENT HAS A FEW NEW UPDATES



We can't wait to celebrate our 16th annual Fairy Festival at our downtown home again this spring! This weekend full of magical fun will include all of the things you love about Fairy Festival, with a few new updates.

The festival will take place on Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th at 135 W. Cortland St. Both days will include activities such as: face painting, art projects, fairy tea parties, and more!

This year, Friday will be a VIP day with a ticket cost of \$35. VIP day will include the activities listed above, as well as extra activities and benefits such as: a kids dance party, aerial hoop performances, juggling performances, theater performances of "Neverland", plus the added benefit of smaller crowds and a more relaxed environment.

Saturday will have a ticket cost of \$15 and will include our typical fairy festival activities along with vendors outside.

This year, each guest will need their own ticket and all tickets have a reserved time slot. This will help us even out the crowd and allow our staff and volunteers to better serve you.

Boys and girls always find the Festival full of wonderment and their grown-up companions can't help but rediscover the child inside themselves as well! Don't forget to dress up!

We hope you will join us in our largest, most magical fundraising event of the year! For more details please visit jacksonarts.org/fairy

TAE KWON DO KOREAN TEA CEREMONY

GROWING PROGRAM PRACTICES TRADITION, FOCUS, AND FITNESS



This December our Tae Kwon Do program held its annual Korean Tea Ceremony at the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. Due to the program's growth we needed a larger space to fit all of the students' family members and friends who came to enjoy the night.

This traditional ceremony helps friends and families deepen their understanding of the program that has been developing their students' focus, confidence, and fitness. In addition it also served as testing for belt promotions.

Each level class displayed different types of kicks they had learned along with their patterns. Patterns are a series of movements that Tae Kwon Do students use in order to practice "offensive" and "defensive" techniques without a partner. This requires a lot of practice and memorization.

After the students showed off their skills and tested well, they all gathered together while the instructors led them in the tea ceremony. Afterward, all of the students received their new belts and congratulated one another while friends and family watched excitedly.

As students exchanged high fives and smiles it was heartwarming to see the camaraderie that was evident between them. The night ended with proud families taking photos of their students with their friends and new belts.

We are excited to watch our Tae Kwon Do program grow even more! If you're interested in joining us in the upcoming season you can learn more about the program and register at jacksonarts.org/taekwondo/.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS - JODE PIOTROWSKI

Jackson School of the Arts is a shining star of creativity for all in the Jackson community. Like most people that enter our doors, I fell in love instantly! I began my journey at Jackson School of the Arts as a dance mom to my two wonderful daughters about 13 years ago. During that year, the school was getting ready for the 2nd annual Fairy Festival and I volunteered to create some decorations to help make the event a bit more festive!

My background and degree are in Art and Early Childhood Education. I owned and operated a preschool, Happy Hearts Children's Center for many years, taught preschool at Northwest Community Schools, and taught various art classes in the community. I was also a freelance artist, creating various works including large-scale murals.

Shortly after volunteering for the Fairy Festival, I was asked to join the Jackson School of the Arts as an art instructor. I worked part-time teaching for a few years, and then I was given the opportunity to take the position of Art Program Coordinator. It was a new position in the organization, and I was excited to see where I could take the art program. It has been an amazing whirlwind, witnessing the changes and growth of Jackson School of the Arts over the past 10 years! From three small programs to seven busy programs and a brand new beautiful building in downtown Jackson, the growth has been outstanding, and I am so proud to have been a part of the journey.

The part I play in all of this has changed and evolved over the years, and I wear many different hats! I teach art classes for all ages and I am the lead teacher of our Kids Create Preschool Program that I started and have run for eight years. I am in charge of decorating events along with planning and installing student art exhibitions at our downtown building and other locations throughout our community. Also, I most recently worked to create a fully licensed early childhood classroom at Jackson School of the Arts for all-day childcare. The Childcare Academy launched this summer with year-round care for families in Jackson, and we are very proud of this new program.

I am a wife, and mother of three amazing daughters that make my heart sing. They have all been a part of our programming at Jackson School of the Arts as well. My family has been touched by JSA's mission, and we appreciate that Jackson School of the Arts makes the arts accessible to all.

I have a fantastic art team that helps to make all of this possible. They are incredibly talented artists and instructors and I appreciate all of their hard work and creativity. I believe the arts are the most important part of developing a complete and happy human being. Through the arts, we are all able to create, express, move, heal and explore who we are in this big wide world. Seeing the joy on a child's face as they discover the arts, is what fills my heart with joy. Being a part of Jackson School of the Arts for the past ten years has been the most amazing, busy, wild, wonderful journey, and I am excited to see where we will go from here!



FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NEONGLOW DANCE & ART PARTY



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FAIRY FESTIVAL



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