



**ARTS AND
EDUCATION
COUNCIL**

KeepArtHappening.org

Arts and Education Council seeking President and CEO



CENTENE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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A vibrant region for all – that’s what we want.

At the Arts and Education Council, we know a region rich with arts and cultural experiences is key to energizing communities, bridging cultural divides, inspiring kids, fostering the economy and enriching lives.

That is why, since its inception in 1963, the Arts and Education Council (A&E) has raised and distributed more than \$110 million in private funding to the arts, from St. Louis individuals, corporations, foundations and institutions. Recognized for its powerful impact on the region, A&E has received statewide and national honors, including the Missouri Arts Award for Philanthropy and the David Rockefeller Partnership Award.

A&E ensures our 16-county, bi-state region has a thriving arts community with accessible cultural experiences for all. More than 70 organizations are strengthened and supported through A&E programs, including:

- Five grantmaking initiatives, including the Arts and Education Fund for Teachers, Arts and Healing Initiative and Bayer Fund Rural Community Arts Program
- The Centene Center for the Arts, a dynamic, vibrant arts incubator located in the heart of St. Louis's Grand Center Arts District. Offering below-market rate office spaces, free rehearsal and event spaces, collaborative spaces for idea-sharing, the Center is home to 20 arts organizations.
- Professional development opportunities for leaders in the arts; leadership roundtables
- Artist scholarships

With its St. Louis Arts Awards, A&E celebrates the artists, educators, philanthropists, corporate citizens and arts organizations that make our region so vibrant.

16-county, bi-state region



As one of its foundational values, A&E is committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. We engage with artists and community members of all backgrounds and identities in fearless pursuit of sustainable, systematic and transformation using the arts as a path to change and community restoration. This commitment is evidenced in the development of arts policy; the support of artists; the nurturing of accessible, thriving venues for expression; and the fair distribution of programmatic, financial and informational resources.

POSITION OF PRESIDENT AND CEO

The President and CEO will serve as A&E's chief executive and ex officio board president, providing a strategic and collaborative vision that strengthens A&E and ensures the engagement of constituencies, inclusion of diverse voices, and fulfillment of A&E's mission. An enthusiastic champion of the arts who will serve as an ambassador and spokesperson, the President will heighten A&E's local and regional visibility and influence while cultivating positive relationships and support for the organization.

A thought leader in the field, the President will identify and articulate critical issues within the arts field, serve as a champion, and proactively advocate for the importance of A&E as a cultural resource with strategic partners, donors, funders, the media, and others. The President will lead A&E as a national hub and resource for artists and makers with opportunities for education, professional development, online sales platforms, and community support.

A fundraiser with a track record of success, the President will build on A&E's effective development programs thoughtfully and with the support of a team eager to carry out his or her vision. We seek a leader who will encourage innovative membership program services and growth in publications, research, and emerging technologies for new and renewed memberships.

For more information, see the full length position profile at: KeepArtHappening.org/Opportunities.



EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

We are seeking a leader with:

- Ten years or more of senior management experience at a national association, cultural organization, educational institution, or similar nonprofit entity
- Bachelor's Degree required; Master's degree preferred
- Experience in the arts and a proven history working with a diverse group of individuals who come from a range of cultural backgrounds, ideological approaches, professional experiences, and geographic areas
- Experience successfully managing complex teams and working with a board of directors
- Experience in fundraising, program development, and various media, requiring extraordinary interpersonal and writing skills
- Driven by altruism and deeply appreciative of subjective viewpoints, the President will recognize, respect, and promote diversity and inclusion in all its forms

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, please email your resume and cover letter to: prich@emdconsulting.com. Subject line must include Arts and Education Council. Applications received by April 1, 2022 preferred. Before applying, please follow this link to take a 10 minute assessment: <https://assessment.predictiveindex.com/bo/o1f/AandECEO>.

