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Workhouse Arts Foundation Appoints Facility Manager

Advancing innovative collaboration of visual and performing arts, education, community engagement, historical perspective, and personal enrichment

Lorton, VA – 10:00 AM September 3, 2021. The Workhouse Arts Foundation, Inc. is excited to announce that Gary Gilham has been appointed as the Facility Manager. He is an experienced facility and operations professional, and he will begin his new role on September 8, 2021.

Mr. Gilham has more than 20 years of experience in the facility and operations field. His most significant work occurred with the American Red Cross as their Facility/Disaster Manager at the Prince William Chapter where he not only handled general operations, but also dealt with disaster, health, safety issues and volunteer management. Along the way, Gary has also worked with the Emergency Response Technologies Company, the Greenspring Erickson Living Facility, the Historic Christ Church, Manassas Mall, and most recently the Knight Sky Company. He has expertise with extensive operational components, card access systems, alarm systems, building automation systems, asset tracking systems, radio and IT systems, and various construction management systems.

Leon Scioscia, President / CEO of the Workhouse Arts Foundation, said: “The Workhouse Arts Center is so pleased, and honored, to have Mr. Gilham join the team. He possesses such a solid facilities/operations foundation and will help maintain the Workhouse Arts Center in collaboration with our wonderful Fairfax County colleagues. Once Gary begins his tenure, I know that he will hit the ground running and, together, we will work to make sure that the Workhouse Arts Center shines – in so many ways.”

Caroline Blanco, Chair of the Workhouse Board of Directors, commented on this appointment: “Mr. Gilham has a very relevant operations and facilities work background, which I know will serve him, the Workhouse, and Fairfax County well as we collectively work together to ensure that the Campus is maintained in a manner that reflects the gem that it is.”

When asked about this opportunity, Gary Gilham said, “It is with great pleasure that I join the Workhouse Arts Center Team. My love of historic buildings coupled with my respect and admiration of the Arts should not only be a good fit but will make for a most enjoyable experience.”

About Workhouse Arts Center -- The Workhouse Arts Center (Workhouse) is housed in the former Workhouse prison facility of the DC Correctional Complex in Lorton, VA that opened in 1910. After closure in 2001, its founders, in cooperation with Fairfax County leadership, transformed the site into a community arts center where people could learn about and participate in art making; be inspired by the region’s and nation’s best artists; experience visual and performing arts talent; and come together for festivals and community building.

Opened in 2008, the Workhouse now houses over 80 resident and associate artists; presents 100 annual art exhibitions and 300 annual performances; and supports dozens of classrooms for teaching 800 classes, engaging over 100,000 people annually. The Workhouse Arts Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in the Commonwealth of Virginia, operates the Workhouse Arts Center.

The Workhouse fosters innovative collaborations in the visual and performing arts through education, community engagement and personal enrichment for students of all ages and walks of life. The goal of these collaborations is to encourage art making; provide therapeutic art experiences; support physical health through Art of Movement activities; present opportunities for other forms of self-expression; and to provide the public with access to high quality performing arts experiences and events. The Workhouse also provides the public with access to the rich history of this nationally important site through the Lucy Burns Museum.

Since its inception, the Workhouse has dramatically expanded its arts education curriculum and community events calendar, deepened its relationships with the Armed Services through military arts programming, and expanded its in-house performing arts offerings with live concerts, musical theatre, and dance.

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