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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Workhouse Arts Foundation Appoints Director of Special Events & Rentals**

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

**Lorton, VA – 10:00 AM November 2, 2021.** The Workhouse Arts Foundation, Inc. is excited to announce that Scott Rumberger has been appointed as the Director of Special Events & Rentals. He is an accomplished special events related professional and he will begin his new role on November 16, 2021.

Mr. Rumberger has over 10 years of experience in customer service, managerial supervision, property management, financial oversight, and most importantly events management with several high-profile Marriott locations: Wardman Park, Marquis, International Headquarters, and most recently, the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree (Dramatic Arts) from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and has successfully completed the Foundation of Leadership program associated with the Marriott International Training Center.

Leon Scioscia, President / CEO of the Workhouse Arts Foundation, said: “The Workhouse Arts Center is so pleased, and honored, to have Mr. Rumberger join the team. He brings the right mixture of skills and creativity to grow our special events and rentals business model in new and exciting ways. His experience in developing, and executing, large scale events, in his previous positions, will enable him to hit the ground running and build upon the foundations already established.”

The Workhouse Arts Center is a unique location for weddings, mitzvahs, birthday parties, corporate events, milestone family celebrations, drive-in movies, cross county runs, concerts, or

retreats. The Workhouse Arts Center offers a welcoming and helpful staff, adaptable spaces, and preferred catering partners for small or large events.

When asked about this opportunity, Scott Rumberger said: "I am grateful and excited to begin my journey as the Director of Special Events & Rentals at the Workhouse Art Center! I look forward to creating meaningful and creative experiences for our community. Bringing people together to celebrate, collaborate, or congregate is something I take great pride in. The ability to provide this to a community I have called home for over 30 years is an amazing opportunity."

**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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