

### **Artistry Announces Leadership Transition**

December 11, 2018 – Artistry Executive Director & Chief Advancement Officer Andrea Specht has decided to leave her post by the end of the organization’s fiscal year on June 30, 2019.

Andrea shared her decision with the Artistry Board of Directors on November 20, 2018, noting that after nine years of leading significant artistic and financial growth, it is the right time for her to seek a new set of professional challenges and for Artistry to benefit from a new leader’s ideas and energy.

Andrea will continue serving as executive director and chief advancement officer until the board hires her successor or June 30, 2019, if earlier, or until Andrea accepts a position elsewhere, should that happen first. The search for Artistry’s next executive director is expected to begin early in 2019 after a board-appointed search committee convenes and develops plans to guide the process.

According to Board President Karen Snedeker, “The board is deeply grateful for Andrea’s exceptional leadership for nearly a decade. From advancing the excellence of our theater and visual arts programs to achieving a more than tenfold increase in outreach participation to launching a creative placemaking collaboration with the City of Bloomington; from completing an ambitious rebranding to reaching an unprecedented level of fundraising success, Artistry’s transformation is a testament to Andrea’s vision and her remarkable ability to inspire and engage our many stakeholders.”

Reflecting on her tenure, Andrea stated, “I could not have asked for a more compelling and rewarding assignment than serving as Artistry’s lead advocate. I’ve truly come to love this organization, the people who are part of it, and the community of Bloomington. Leaving something I love so much is hard to do, but it’s the right time for this change. I’m proud that our organization is in a strong position to attract a new leader who will build on the excellence and access that our staff, board, volunteers, and donors have worked so hard to achieve – and excited to see what comes next for Artistry!”