

Icicle Creek Center for the Arts Celebrates Executive Director's Appointment as Executive Director of the Icicle Fund

Leavenworth, WA – October 18, 2024 – The Icicle Creek Center for the Arts (ICCA) is proud yet sad to announce that its Executive Director, Phil Lacey, will be leaving his position at ICCA to take on the important role of Executive Director of the Icicle Fund. “This is a bittersweet moment for us,” said Ellen Beardsley, ICCA Board President. “We are incredibly appreciative of all that Phil has accomplished during his time here, and we know he will go on to achieve great things in his new role. The Icicle Fund is gaining a visionary leader who will work tirelessly to make a positive impact in North Central Washington.”

Since joining ICCA in 2021, Mr. Lacey guided ICCA through a period of stabilization and transformation. Beyond navigating the challenges of emerging from the pandemic, he addressed underlying financial difficulties while expanding programming and fostering deeper connections within the community and built a creative, capable team to drive ICCA's mission forward. Under his leadership, ICCA achieved several key milestones, including completing ICCA's endowment fund campaign, managing to a balanced budget, engaging our diverse community more inclusively and partnering with the school district to maintain visual arts in the K-8 grades, along with being recognized by the Washington Association of School Administrators as the recipient of the Community Leadership Award. Bob Maher, Chair of ICCA's Strategic Planning Committee, shared that “having Phil at the Icicle Fund helm provides continuity for ICCA's strategic journey. Phil understands ICCA's challenges as well as our vision to cultivate diverse arts offerings through local partnerships and education. This is a win-win situation.”

“I know Phil to be forward-thinking and exceptionally creative, with an eye for the big picture.” said Noelle O'Reilly, board member at the Icicle Fund and granddaughter to Harriet Bullitt, founder of the Icicle Fund and ICCA. “I am so pleased he'll be bringing his considerable talents to the Icicle Fund, as we work together to expand on Harriet's vision.”

Mr. Lacey will start his new position at the Icicle Fund in early November, at which time he will transition to the role of ICCA's Interim Executive Director on a part-time basis to support ICCA while the ICCA board conducts a search for Lacey's successor. “I'm grateful for the opportunity to have led such an incredible organization,” said Mr. Lacey. “The work we've done together at ICCA has been deeply fulfilling, and I'm confident the organization will continue to flourish.”

The search for ICCA's Executive Director position will begin immediately. For more information, including a full job description, please visit our website, <https://icicle.org/about/employment/>.

Don't Miss These Upcoming Events:

November 2: Día de Muertos Festival with Danzas Multiculturales (Festival)

November 7: Sammy Miller & The Congregation (Concert)

November 9: Warren Miller *Seventy-Five: A New Chapter* with Plain Valley Nordic Trails (Film)

November 15 - 24: Ken Ludwig's *The Three Musketeers* (Live Theater)