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CARPENTER CENTER ANNOUNCES INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LONG BEACH, California — Megan Kline Crockett has been named interim executive director of Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center by CSULB College of the Arts Dean Cyrus Parker-Jeannette. She replaces Michele Roberge, who announced her resignation on August 25, 2016. Kline Crockett began serving in this role on Tuesday, September 13.

"Megan Kline Crockett brings outstanding leadership and management skills to the Carpenter Center. She is a dedicated business and arts professional who has been invaluable in her position within the Department of Theatre Arts." says Parker-Jeannette, adding "She brings a depth of familiarity with our campus, its inclusive excellence and its collaborative nature to her new position that I am confident will provide exciting presentations and engagement for the campus and the community. On top of that, she is an intelligent, savvy, thoughtful and lovely human being with a dedication and understanding of the arts in all of its splendor."

Kline Crockett has been with Cal State Long Beach since September 2013, having most recently served as Managing Director of Cal Rep within the CSULB Department of Theatre Arts. During her tenure, she provided leadership through strategic administrative and fiscal oversight of the department's artistic programming in addition to mentoring the students within the MFA/MBA Theatre Management program.

Prior to joining CSULB, Kline Crockett worked at one of the entertainment industry's largest and most dynamic talent agencies—International Creative Management (ICM), and served as the managing director of a high profile art gallery in New York.

In accepting the appointment, Kline Crockett shares, "I want to thank the Dean for this opportunity. I also want to thank the community for their continued support of the Carpenter Center. I look forward to meeting patrons, welcoming them to the theatre, and sharing their passion for live performance. It's an honor to work with the amazing team of professionals within this beautiful theatre."

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Founded in 1994, the \$27 million Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center seats more than 1,000 patrons. The Center is named after pop music duo Richard and Karen Carpenter, who both attended California State University, Long Beach. For more than 20 years, Carpenter Center has remained committed to bringing an eclectic lineup of professional artists to the CSULB campus.

The University is currently planning, and will soon implement, the search for a permanent Executive Director.

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