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Michael Miller Named Executive Director of San Jose Jazz

San Jose Jazz is pleased to announce that, following a comprehensive and exhaustive search by its Board of Directors, Michael Miller has been named the organization's new executive director.

San Jose Jazz, one of the leading arts organizations in Silicon Valley produces a variety of compelling educational programs, the San Jose Jazz Festival which annually attracts over 100,000 attendees as well as year round jazz events.

In accepting the position, Mr. Miller stated that, "Live music has always been my passion and I'm looking forward to working on the Jazz Festival but I'm also very inspired to join an organization who's transforming young lives through music education."

Chris Wilder, Chairman of San Jose Jazz's Board of Directors, stated, "We're so fortunate to have Michael leading the team. His roots in Silicon Valley are deep, his understanding of the arts community is vast, and his commitment to San Jose Jazz is strong."

Mr. Miller is a highly-regarded San Jose arts leader who has designed, directed and managed large-scale arts events in national and international venues. Most recently, he was CEO and executive producer of American Musical Theater of San Jose, a seventy-four year old nonprofit musical theater organization with a \$10M annual budget.

Silicon Valley Business Journal recognized Mr. Miller as one of Silicon Valley's top 100 executives while San Jose Magazine recognized him as one of the most influential executives in Silicon Valley. Mr. Miller graduated from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business' Executive Program for Non-profit Leaders and graduated from the University of Kentucky with a BA in Business Administration and Accounting.

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In addition, Mr. Miller is active in the arts community where he has served as Chair of Team San Jose's Arts Board; Chair of San Jose Theatre Preservation Inc.; Chair of San Jose Arts and Cultural Round Table; and as a Board Member of 1st Act Silicon Valley; Teatro Vision of San Jose; and University of Santa Clara Arts Advancement Board. He also served on Children's Musical Theater audit committee as an industry expert.

San Jose Jazz is a 25 year old 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation dedicated to promoting jazz through performance and education while helping to build a stronger, more vibrant community. The organization's purpose is to provide music/jazz-based education and performance programs, to enhance the recognized value of arts to the individual and society, to promote healthy individuals and healthy communities, and to use music and events to bring people together.

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