

Florida Cultural Alliance July 17, 2017, Guest Speakers' Brief Résumés

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Kate Wolff is the external affairs coordinator for the Arts Education Partnership (AEP) and a member of Education Commission of the States' State Relations team. In this dual role, Kate works closely with AEP partner organizations across the country to engage and inform their efforts to expand access to the arts in education and serves as a resource on broader education policy issues for Education Commission of the States Commissioners and states in the mid-Atlantic and Eastern parts of the U.S. Prior to joining Education Commission of the States, Kate served in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in a variety of capacities in the Office of the Secretary, the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, and the Administration for Children and Families. Kate enjoys living in our nation's capital, taking advantage of free museums and getting around the city car-free.

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Michelle is the Grants Program Manager at the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs in Tallahassee responsible for Arts in Education, Underserved Cultural Community Development, Literature, Traditional Arts, Arts in Education Program Specialist, and Poetry Out Loud. While growing up in Wisconsin and North Dakota, Michelle spent most of her free time drawing animals in imagined narratives. She earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Studio Art with a minor in Business Administration from North Dakota State University. After working as a Registrar at The Plains Art Museum for seven years, she relocated to the southern tier and culture of Tallahassee, Florida, to pursue her dream of becoming an artist. She acquired a Master of Fine Arts degree at Florida State University and taught studio art courses there as an Adjunct Instructor in painting and drawing. Michelle's professional experience in visual arts administration continued as a founding staff member at The Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science. For 15 years, she served as an Art Registrar and Collections Manager and also as a Director of Art overseeing and planning art exhibitions. In her life and through her artwork, Michelle is interested in the interconnections between the natural and man-made worlds through imagined narratives of anthropomorphic animals that we share our environment with.

Dr. Kathleen "Kathy" Sanz, President and CEO, Center for Fine Arts Education

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Dr. Kathleen Sanz is the President and CEO of the Center for Fine Arts Education (CFAE) based in Tallahassee, Florida. CFAE is an association management organization and represents the Florida Music Education Association, Florida School Music Association, Florida Art Education Association, and Florida Network of Arts Administrators. She received her B.A. and M.A. in Music Education from the University of South Florida, and her Ph.D. in Music Education from the University of Colorado. Prior to that Ms. Sanz served as the Supervisor of Curriculum and Instructional Services and Co-Directed the District School Board of Pasco County Curriculum Department from 2007-2011. From 1985-2006 she supervised the Fine Arts at the K-12 level. Her past teaching experience includes 8 years as a music educator at the elementary level.