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Arts Council Hires Weber for New Epic Center Director Position

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo (ACGK) has announced the addition of Jeff Weber as the Kalamazoo Cultural Center (KCC) Director. Better known as the Epic Center, the KCC is located in downtown Kalamazoo.

Creation of this new position ensures the oversight and management of KCC. Weber will be responsible for managing and maintaining the facility as well as serving building partners, renters, and patrons.

“We are excited to have a dedicated staff person looking after this wonderful asset and helping to build its capacity to serve the arts and arts-goers in our community,” said Kristen Chesak, Executive Director of the Arts Council. “Jeff brings a great background of business, event, and facility management that will give him an advantage when navigating the current challenges that all nonprofit property managers face.”

Prior to joining the ACGK, Weber most recently led Orangetheory Fitness Kalamazoo and Orangetheory Fitness Portage as studio manager. Acting as general manager of two fitness studios, Weber orchestrated the day-to-day sales, operations, and staff as well as the studios’ signature events.

Weber has over 20 years of experience in event and facility management including serving as facility manager at Wings Event Center and Wings West helping to bring the sport of curling, an Elton John concert, and the United States Figure Skating Association’s Synchronized Skating Sectionals & Nationals to Kalamazoo.

He has also served as general manager at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek where he oversaw all aspects of the multi-use arena and an outdoor festival space.

Weber currently serves on the National Blueberry Festival board of directors, overseeing corporate fundraising and merchandise sales. An active member of the International Venue Managers Association, he graduated Venue Management School in 2012 and served on the International Crowd Management committee for three years.

A graduate of West Virginia University, Weber is a proud Mountaineer. He lives in Kalamazoo with his daughter and dog.

For more information about the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo and the new Kalamazoo Cultural Center Director role, visit <https://www.kalamazooarts.org/>.

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Editor's Note: A photo of Jeff Weber and the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo logo are included for your use.