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Brownlee will lead Kansas City Young Audiences

Kansas City Young Audiences (KCYA) has promoted Harlan Brownlee to the position of Executive Director. The Board of Directors of KCYA, the areas largest arts education provider, has completed a ten month search with the announcement that Brownlee is best qualified to lead the organization. Brownlee has been on the staff as Artistic Director since 1999 and was a teaching artist on the roster for 13 years. Brownlee is also on the Kennedy Center's National touring roster for the Partners in Education program and is an adjunct professor for Rockhurst University's School of Education. Brownlee received his M.A. in Educational Research and Psychology from the University of Missouri – Kansas City.

During the search period, Interim Executive Director Jerilyn Jones worked with the Board of Directors to conduct strategic planning sessions intending to keep the agency moving forward and to assist the new Executive Director with the five year plan. Jones, who is now working with the American Red Cross, was of great assistance to the agency, said Guy Townsend, Board President.

Kansas City Young Audiences provides high quality in-school programs that integrate the arts with the core curriculum. KCYA also manages the Arts Partners program and the new Community School of the Arts, where children can take classes in music, dance, drama, creative writing and the visual arts after-school, on Saturdays and throughout the summer.