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CARON HOUSE NAMED DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR OF THE SHELDON ARTS FOUNDATION

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon Arts Foundation is pleased to announce that Caron House has been named director of development. Her first day on the job was Monday, March 4, 2019.



“Caron’s unique background, stellar work history and love for music and art give her the perfect combination of skills for this role,” said Peter Palermo, executive director of The Sheldon. “She will be both a passionate and effective advocate for The Sheldon.”

Caron comes to The Sheldon from Opera Theatre of St. Louis where she served as assistant director of development. During her tenure with the company, Opera Theatre secured a major grant—totaling more than \$2 million—from The Wallace Foundation as part of the *Building Audiences for Sustainability* initiative. Further, she stewarded relationships that led to major support from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts and managed a board committee that oversaw more than \$1 million in corporate sponsorships each year.

Prior to her role at Opera Theatre, House served as chief development officer at KDHX and was instrumental in securing gifts for the organization’s new station—the Larry J. Weir Center for Public Media—in Grand Center. Her proposal to the Kresge Foundation secured the largest grant in the company’s history. She was also able to secure grants from The William T. Kemper Foundation, Albrecht Family Foundation and the Crawford Taylor Foundation, all new funders to KDHX.

House holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Art History from Washington University, a Master’s in Arts Administration from Indiana University and a Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law in Houston.

The Sheldon hosts over 350 events each year, including jazz, folk, classical, bluegrass, world music concerts and more in the Sheldon Concert Hall; a diverse range of educational programs serving over 30,000 students each year; and world-class exhibitions in the Sheldon Art Galleries, in spaces dedicated to photography, architecture, St. Louis artists and collections, music, children’s art and emerging artists. The Sheldon also collaborates with many community organizations, and hosts events and fundraisers for non-profit organizations throughout the St. Louis region.

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