



# KING ARTS COMPLEX

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## **Corey Favor Brings Fresh Vision to King Arts Complex**

*New King Arts Complex Leader has Deep Experience in Columbus Arts and Culture Community*

The board of trustees of the King Arts Complex has named Corey Favor as its new president and CEO, ushering in a bold new chapter for one of Central Ohio's most vital cultural institutions.

A passionate arts champion and strategic community builder with over 20 years of experience, Favor brings a dynamic record of advancing creativity, culture, and civic impact at both local and national levels. A graduate of Columbus College of Art & Design and a proud resident of the Near East Side, he combines deep community roots with expansive vision, honoring the legacy of the King Arts Complex while positioning it for transformative growth.

Favor will begin his tenure on April 8.

"The King Arts Complex is a vital cultural institution, rooted in legacy and building the future," said Favor. "I am honored to lead this next chapter alongside artists, partners and the community as we expand access, strengthen connection, and position King Arts for lasting impact locally and nationally."

Since 2020, Favor has served as senior director of community engagement, arts and culture at Orange Barrel Media, where he led cultural and community engagement strategy across 30 U.S. markets. In that role, he built and stewarded high-impact partnerships spanning the arts, education, nonprofit, business, and cultural sectors aligning media platforms with meaningful community impact and elevating local organizations and cities nationwide.

Previously, Favor served in product management at OhioHealth as well as an associate director in The Ohio State University's Office of Marketing and Communications, where he helped shape institutional storytelling and brand strategy for one of the nation's leading public universities.

Favor's leadership extends deeply into the cultural sector. He currently chairs the Gateway Film Center Advisory Board and serves on the boards and key committees of Atlanta Contemporary, Columbus College of Art & Design, the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation Board and CreativeOhio. His leadership and community impact has been recognized by Mahogany Columbus, the Columbus Museum of Art, The Columbus Foundation and the Greater Columbus Arts Council.

"Corey Favor will infuse the King Arts Complex with new energy and a fresh vision rooted in his experience and expertise," said board of directors Chair Alycia Broz. "Corey understands the history and mission of this organization; he has a stake in our success, and he is the best person to ensure we can continue our impact into the future."



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Under Favor's leadership, the King Arts Complex will focus on elevating artists, strengthening communities, and advancing the arts as a force for creativity and connection, casting a vision for the future and positioning the organization for continued growth and impact.

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## **About the King Arts Complex**

Serving as a major anchor of the King-Lincoln District, the King Arts Complex is an oasis for cultural and educational activities that creates community connections through the arts and tells the story of the vast cultural contributions of African Americans.