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ArtsBridge Foundation taps Sarah Clay Lindvall as Director of Arts Education and Community Outreach

Atlanta, GA --- ArtsBridge Foundation announced today that Sarah Clay Lindvall has been named Director of Arts Education and Community Outreach. In her role, Sarah will lead ArtsBridge's education programming including Field Trips, Family Series and Master Classes for students and educators, and she will oversee the production of the annual Georgia High School Musical Theatre Awards – Shuler Hensley Awards, which celebrates excellence in high school musical theatre.

"I'm over the moon about joining the team at ArtsBridge," says Sarah Clay Lindvall. "Because I've been a performer and an educator, I'll have a deeper understanding to be able to connect with both students and teachers. Teachers have hectic schedules, can only bring so many tools to their classrooms, and have students who are hungry for experiences in hands-on, real-world settings. ArtsBridge has a thriving program to engage these students and support the work the teachers are already doing in their curriculum. I look forward to collaborating with artists and educators throughout the state to not only expand the programs ArtsBridge provides, but to continue to nurture and grow the arts and arts education community as a whole."

Growing up in Acworth, GA, Sarah dreamed of being a performer and started early honing her skills as a singer and actress. After high school, while working at Disney World, a mentor suggested she "go for it" and move to New York City to study musical theatre. In New York, when a friend asked her to lead a women's choral group she almost said no because of her busy acting schedule. It turned out to be the pivotal point in her career. Once she began teaching, Sarah found her true passion and refocused her attention on arts education.

Sarah's previous experience includes serving as Director of Choral Activities and Dramatic Arts at the Notre Dame School of Manhattan where she built the school's first music and dramatic arts program (Sept 2016-Aug 2017). She was an Elementary School Educator at P.S. 172 Beacon School of Excellence (Aug 2014-Aug 2016) where she developed and led the general music program for grades Pre-K through 5, and created the school's first choir and musical theatre program. Sarah entertained and performed for thousands of guests as a Disney Entertainment Performer at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, FL (2010-2012). She was the Founder and Artistic Director of the Sirens of Gotham Chorus in New York, a non-profit music organization and performance ensemble for women, that provides music education through youth outreach programs (2011-Sept 2017).

Sarah has a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and Choral Music from Georgia Southern University, and a Master of Music in Vocal Performance and Musical Theatre from New York University.

ArtsBridge Foundation is dedicated to providing quality arts education and community programs that engage, motivate, inspire, and elevate the next generation of artists and arts supporters. ArtsBridge provides arts education opportunities to students in grades K-12 through programs at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre including Field Trips, Master Classes, a Family Series, and the annual Georgia High School Musical Theatre Awards – Shuler Hensley Awards. Since inception in 2007, ArtsBridge has served more than 300,000 students and educators from 57 Georgia counties, plus students from Alabama, Tennessee, Florida and South Carolina. ArtsBridge Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. To learn more about their programs and how you can get involved, visit <u>artsbridgega.org</u>.

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