



Center for the Arts Appoints David J. Rothman as President and Chief Executive Officer



Center for the Arts (The Center) has selected David J. Rothman as President and Chief Executive Officer, following an executive search process led by Arts Consulting Group (ACG). He will begin this newly established role on January 7, 2019.

A prolific author, Mr. Rothman currently serves as Program Director/Poetry Concentration Director for the Graduate Program in Creative Writing at Western State Colorado University. He is also a Resident Poet for Colorado Public Radio, instructor for the Lighthouse Writers Workshop in Denver, and Editor for *THINK: A Journal of Poetry, Criticism, and Reviews*. He has founded and led several nonprofit arts, educational, publishing, and scholarly organizations, including Crested Butte Academy, The Western

Slope Chamber Music Series, The Crested Butte Music Festival, The Western State Colorado University Symposium on Poetry Criticism, The Robinson Jeffers Association, and *Conundrum Press*.

In addition to consulting for public and nonprofit arts and educational organizations, Mr. Rothman has served on numerous national governing and advisory nonprofit boards, including The Association of Writers and Writing Programs, The Robinson Jeffers Association, The Association of Literary Scholars, Critics and Writers, The West Chester (PA) University Poetry Center, Harvard Alumni for Global Action, Colorado Center for the Book, and The Crested Butte Music Festival. A frequent presenter at scholarly conferences, Mr. Rothman has received numerous awards for his work, including a Western Slope Poet Laureate, which honors an outstanding poet/performer who has helped promote the practice of poetry on the Western Slope of Colorado and around the state. He holds a bachelor's degree from Harvard University, a master's degree from University of Utah, and Doctor of Philosophy from New York University.

In making the announcement, The Center Board Chair Valerie Brown said, "Following an extensive national search process conducted by Arts Consulting Group, the Board concluded that David's exceptional track record leading arts organizations and educational institutions made him the outstanding candidate for this role."

Describing the opportunity to lead The Center as his "dream job," Mr. Rothman said, "I've known about Jackson's ambitious commitment to the arts for many years...I've imagined what it might be like to lead such an extraordinary organization in a mountain town similar to the one where I have been living and working for the last 25 years. I am grateful to everyone who has brought The Center to where it is now, grateful for the opportunity to help it take its next steps, and I can't wait to begin."

"ACG wishes David Rothman all the best as he begins his tenure as President and Chief Executive Officer of The Center," said ACG Senior Vice President Rebekah Lambert. "Mr. Rothman's experience leading nonprofit organizations, his passion for creating vibrant artistic and educational programming, and his dedication to fostering vital arts communities will surely enhance The Center and positively impact the Jackson Hole valley."