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McGroarty Arts Center Appoints 16-Year Non-Profit Leader Roy Mueller as Executive Director

Community Invited to "Meet-and-Greet" during June 7 Ceramics Exhibit

McGroarty Arts Center announced publicly today the appointment of Roy Mueller, a highly regarded non-profit arts administrator with roots in Southern California, as its new Executive Director. Mueller brings to the Center years of experience and success, including serving as Executive Director of the Los Angeles Children's Chorus and the San Luis Obispo Children's Museum, where he led the museum through a successful four-year \$5.2 million capital campaign to design and build a new facility. He also developed innovative art and science education programs for a diverse community audience during his tenure as Education Director of Pasadena's Kidspace Museum. Mueller, who is an accomplished musician, will be introduced to the community during the Center's 11th Annual Ceramics Exhibit and Sale on Saturday, June 7. The exhibit which kicks off with a Private Donor Reception (4:00 PM to 6:00 PM), followed by a Public reception from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, is open to the public June 7 through June 21 (10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Saturday) gives the community an opportunity to enjoy the work of local artists, while engaging in a "meet-and-greet" with the Center's new Executive Director.

"I am pleased to welcome Roy to McGroarty Arts Center," said the Center's Board President, Michelle Barone. "His exceptional non-profit arts leadership skills and keen fundraising abilities, as well as his creative program development, educational background and music performance experience are an ideal match for the roll and for the future of McGroarty Arts Center. I look forward to working closely with Roy on a number of innovative initiatives during this exciting time in McGroarty's evolution."

"It is an honor to lead this extraordinary grass roots organization," states Mueller. "During my tenure at Pasadena's Kidspace Children's Museum, I had the opportunity to collaborate with a variety of Los Angeles-area arts organizations including the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, John Anson Ford Amphitheatre, Pasadena Symphony and Shumei Arts Council. I am impressed by the level of McGroarty Arts Center's artistic excellence and look forward to working with the McGroarty Arts Center's Board and staff to continue bringing high-quality arts

education experiences to the community.”

In his role with the San Luis Obispo Children’s Museum, Mueller, who has more than 16 years of non-profit leadership experience, articulated the vision for the new museum and built the organization from the ground up, strategizing and implementing successful fundraising initiatives, including the \$5.2 million capital campaign. He developed and managed operational budgets, cultivated community relationships and mentored a staff of 20 to support the vision and mission of the museum. He received a Bachelor of Music (performance) degree from the University of Louisville and a Master of Music (performance) from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. He also earned a Certificate of Jazz Composition and Performance from Berklee College of Music in Boston. For more than 15 years, Mueller performed as a classical oboist/English hornist around the world, composed music for various genres, and taught music at the university level.

McGroarty Arts Center is committed to providing affordable, multidisciplinary arts education in the Sunland, Tujunga and Foothills communities. Multidisciplinary arts instruction is offered to, children, teens, adults and families. The Center also produces and hosts a variety of performances, exhibitions and events to engage and educate the greater public including the popular Ceramic Show/Student Sale (This year’s Artist Reception is June 7th and the exhibit runs through June 27th), The Holiday Boutique/Chili Bowl Sale, a variety of workshops, the 4th Friday music series, and much more. The Center provides a venue for artists to present their work, while preserving the legacy of California Poet Laureate, John Steven McGroarty and his historic home.

McGroarty Arts Center views children as artists and enables them to create artwork and performances which reflect their natural talent and creative voice. Adults seeking rigorous instruction will increase knowledge and hone artistic skills, while others can find refuge from the demands of daily life - relaxing and reflecting in the creative process.

The Center is important to the community,” said Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council President Mark Seigel. “We welcome Mr. Mueller and look forward to working with him and all stakeholders, including the STNC’s own Arts, Culture and Recreation Committee”

The Center is supported with this press release announcement courtesy of the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council’s service. McGroarty Arts Center is located at 7570 McGroarty Terrace in Tujunga, California. For more information please call 818-352-5285 or visit www.mcgroartyartscenter.org.

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