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**FLOWER CITY ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES KRISTIN A. RAPP
AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

(ROCHESTER, NY– February 23, 2023) — The Flower City Arts Center Board has announced that Kristin A. Rapp has been appointed as the Center’s new Executive Director, effective February 20th, 2023. Flower City Arts Center (FCAC) is a community-based not-for-profit that educates, encourages, and inspires all people to create and enjoy the visual arts.

Kristin A. Rapp comes to Flower City Arts Center having woven together a colorful array of arts, education, healing, and leadership experiences. She is an accomplished social entrepreneur, therapist, published author, and artist with a Certificate in Strategic Nonprofit Leadership and a background in clinical supervision as a Licensed Master of Social Work (LMSW). Rapp founded and ran a nonprofit organization that educated and employed through arts, technology, and creative entrepreneurship and a private therapy practice for individuals and couples.

“It is an honor to be chosen to lead the Flower City Arts Center, which has a solid reputation and artistic imprint in the Rochester community,” Rapp stated. “Developing authentic relationships is a top priority, so I am happy and excited to connect and work with the strong team at the heart of FCAC. Together we can collaboratively carry forward the vision and dream up possibilities with fresh perspectives and innovative ideas, meeting them with boots on the ground action, in order to breathe new life into the Center. We can expand our brand, forge new partnerships, widen our scope, and deepen the impact of this powerful arts learning work.”

“We are extremely pleased to welcome Kristin Rapp to the Flower City Arts Center,” said Jennie Papkin, President of Flower City Arts Center’s Board of Directors. “Her lengthy connection to the Arts in Rochester and her strong leadership skills will be great assets to FCAC. Rapp has demonstrated an impressive ability to create impact through art and we are excited to have her lead a new chapter of the Flower City Arts Center’s

growth.”

About Flower City Arts Center:

The Flower City Arts Center has been operating since 1970. Flower City Arts Center is a darkroom, photography and digital arts facility, a ceramics workshop, a printmaking and book arts center, and continues to expand to include other forms of community art resources. The Center uses its resources to provide youth programs in schools, offers over 300 classes to the general public, and rents space to artists and others interested in the visual arts. Internships, facilities for advanced students, and resources for anyone interested in visual arts are also available. Three galleries in our building serve as exhibit space for local, regional, and national artists. Our comprehensive studio facilities and access available to our artists-in-residence and studio artists is unparalleled in the region. For more information, contact the Flower City Arts Center Office at (585) 244-1730, or visit our website at www.flowercityarts.org.