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**RYMAN ARTS ANNOUNCES AUDREY T. SALZBURG AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Los Angeles, CA (May 6, 2024)** – Ryman Arts is thrilled to announce the appointment of Audrey T. Salzburg as its new Executive Director. Audrey’s passion for championing art education for youth along with decades of experience in both the nonprofit and corporate sectors with a focus on strategic planning and fund development

As Executive Director, Audrey will play a pivotal role in shaping the future direction of Ryman Arts, ensuring its continued impact in transforming the lives of young artists through rigorous education in fundamental art skills and mentoring.

“Ryman Arts instructs students in a craft, something that is disappearing in so many industries. Arts practices give young people the tools and a foundation to move forward in life even in other areas of academia. It teaches them discipline, collaboration, problem-solving, and hard work. Bringing the Ryman Arts program to youth who really need this help right now, especially in under-resourced communities, is deeply important to me. It is an honor and a privilege to participate in this journey with Ryman Arts and take an active role in supporting the furthering of their important mission,” said Audrey.

Audrey will work with Ryman Arts’ Board of Directors and staff to ensure the future of Ryman Arts – maintaining the high-quality programming and outreach that the organization is known for, while exploring opportunities for growth and increased impact.

Board President David A. Price shared, “We are thrilled to welcome Audrey Salzburg as our new Executive Director. She is a charismatic and visionary leader, uniquely positioned to build and foster strong, meaningful relationships with a wide range of stakeholders in our region’s creative economy who value and support art education for rising creative talent.”

Audrey has a diverse background in both the nonprofit and corporate sectors. Audrey’s experience in the corporate world includes serving as Co-Creative Director of Young & Rubicam (Y&R) International out of Brussels, where she managed and executed marketing and communications for companies such as Xerox, Pepsi, and City National Bank in fourteen countries across Western Europe. A Certified Coach through the International Coach Federation (ICF) and a Certified Professional Behavioral and Values Analyst, Audrey has extensive qualifications as an executive coach, consultant, and facilitator. For over a decade she stewarded countless key relationships at the corporate, foundation, and individual levels for the national healing arts nonprofit A Window Between Worlds, ending her tenure as their Chief Executive Officer.

Most recently, Audrey has been serving as the Director of Development and Communications for artworxLA.

The Ryman Arts search committee selected Audrey as the next Executive Director after an extensive search and recruitment process facilitated by Envision Consulting.

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Ryman Arts** transforms lives by creating access and opportunity for a diverse community of young artists through rigorous education in fundamental art skills and mentoring – at no cost to the students. Over 95% of graduates go to college, one-third go on to work in creative industries, and all have the tools for personal success. A nationally recognized non-profit organization, Ryman Arts was founded in 1990 to honor the legacy of legendary Disney artist Herbert D. Ryman. Their mission is to reach students with the greatest need to ensure all young artists reach their full potential. Ryman Arts is a 501(c)(3).

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