

Arts of Southern Kentucky Names Broadway Actor and Educator Diane DiCroce to Lead Theatre Companies.

DiCroce will be introduced to Bowling Green at public event on Tuesday, August 20 at 9:30am in SKyPAC Lobby.

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BOWLING GREEN, KY – Today, Arts of Southern Kentucky (ASK) named Broadway actor and educator Diane DiCroce Producing Artistic Director of the Ramsey Theatre Company and BG OnStage. In this newly created role, DiCroce will lead all aspects of ASK's theatre offerings and direct most professional productions, including *Grease* (Nov. 22 & 23, 2024) and *The Wizard of Oz* (June 27 & 28, 2025).

DiCroce has appeared on Broadway in *Les Misérables* and in national and international tours of *My Fair Lady* and *42nd Street*. She has many Regional and Stock credits and was Resident Director of Weathervane Repertory Theatre's 53rd season, directing *Always...Patsy Cline*, *Our Town*, and *It Shoulda' Been You*. Diane DiCroce is also an experienced educator, having served as Assistant Professor of Musical Theatre at Emerson College and on the faculty of Pace University and the University of Central Florida.

"We are thrilled to add someone of Diane DiCroce's talent and experience to our staff," said Arts of Southern Kentucky President & CEO Jeffrey Reed. "We know that Broadway is important to our audiences and providing educational opportunities – especially for young people aspiring to careers in the arts - is core to our mission. Diane is uniquely qualified to lead us in both areas."

"I served as Production Consultant for the Ramsey Theatre Company's recent production of *Cinderella* and immediately recognized that Bowling Green is a special place," said DiCroce. "When Jeff and the Arts of Southern Kentucky Board of Directors contacted me about a permanent role, I jumped at the chance. It's rare for a regional performing arts center to have a professional theatre company and robust educational programs, and I can't wait to get started."

Media are invited to meet Diane DiCroce on Tuesday, August 20th at 9:30am in the lobby of the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center located at 601 College Street in downtown Bowling Green, Kentucky,

ABOUT DIANE DiCROCE – Diane DiCroce appeared for many years on Broadway (*Les Misérables*) and in National and International Tours (*Les Misérables*, *My Fair Lady*, *42nd Street*) as well as in many Off-Broadway, Regional and Stock productions throughout the country. Diane was the Resident Director for the Weathervane Repertory Theatre's 53rd season, Directing *Always...Patsy Cline*, *Our Town*, and *It Shoulda' Been You* (in concert) alongside the show's composer, Barbara

Anselmi. Other Directing Credits include *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Last Five Years* (New Bedford Festival Theatre, MA), *She Loves Me* (College Light Opera, MA), *The King and I* (NH Theatre Award Nominee) and *Inherit the Wind* (Weathervane Reparatory Theatre, NH), *Mamma Mia* (Spotlight Repertory Theatre, NYC), *Songs for a New World* (Seaside Music Theater, FL) and *My Way* (SummerStock, OH).

As an Assistant Professor of Musical Theatre at Emerson College (Boston, MA) Diane had the opportunity to direct at the historic Cutler Majestic Theatre (*Urinetown*) and the RJO Paramount (*Lucky Stiff*) as well as an entirely live, virtual production of *Spring Awakening* for Emerson Stage during the Covid-19 pandemic. She previously taught on the Musical Theatre Faculties of Pace University (NYC) and the University of Central Florida. Diane earned her master's degree in musical theatre (MM) at Boston Conservatory at Berklee and a Bachelor of Arts from Pennsylvania State University (Communications/Advertising). She is a 30+ year member of Actors' Equity Association (AEA), an Associate member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society (SDC) and the former Vice-Chair of the Auditions committee for the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC). Diane has a private coaching studio in NYC and works as a corporate communications and leadership training consultant for pharmaceutical corporations as well as consumer goods/services companies.

ABOUT ARTS OF SOUTHERN KENTUCKY - In 2020, with the assistance of the Warren County Fiscal Court and Judge Michael O. Buchanon, Orchestra Kentucky assumed management of the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKyPAC). The new organization, which also includes BG Onstage and the Ramsey Theatre Company, is titled Arts of Southern Kentucky, and is led administratively and artistically by Jeffrey Reed.

The Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center is a premier performing arts venue located in downtown Bowling Green, KY. The facility includes the Rita and Jim Scott Concert Hall, a 1,700-seat state-of-the-art auditorium; the Goodwin Gallery, the primary art exhibition space; the Renshaw Education Center which houses the Carol Wedge Studio Theater - a flexible 2,600 sq. ft. space for intimate productions and gatherings; several multi-functional rehearsal halls/classrooms; and the Denny and Carol Wedge Children's Art Gallery.

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