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## **STAGES St. Louis names Andrew Kuhlman as new Executive Producer**



(ST. LOUIS) – STAGES St. Louis has announced that current Associate Producer, Andrew Kuhlman, will succeed Jack Lane as Executive Producer beginning January 2023.

“I cannot think of anyone more fully prepared to assume the position of Executive Producer of STAGES St. Louis. Andrew will no doubt continue to build upon the legacy of STAGES for many years to come,” Mosbacher Family Executive Producer Jack Lane said.

Kuhlman started with the organization as an intern in 2012, gradually attaining more responsibilities and eventually joining the three-person leadership team that included founders Jack Lane and Michael Hamilton.

“It was very important that we choose an individual who will honor and respect the legacy of Jack and Michael while keeping STAGES St. Louis moving forward for the benefit of performing arts in the St. Louis region,” Board President David White said. “Andrew is professional, an excellent communicator, and a strategic thinker who, along with our new Artistic Director Gayle Seay, will continue to grow STAGES as an arts institution.”

Kuhlman will assume the Executive Producer role effective January 1, 2023. Lane will transition into a consulting role in the organization while also pursuing new projects in New York and beyond.

“I consider myself equal parts lucky and honored to take on the role of Executive Producer at STAGES St. Louis following in the incredible footsteps of Jack Lane. I believe in STAGES, its mission and programs, and most importantly the amazing people that make the work of this organization possible,” Kuhlman said. “I am looking forward to leading STAGES into this new era with Gayle as we ensure that this wonderful company continues to play an integral role in the St. Louis and national arts communities.”

In 2022, STAGES St. Louis proudly presented the Pre-Broadway World Premiere of THE KARATE KID – The Musical and is currently presenting Lin-Manuel Miranda’s Tony Award-Winning Best Musical, IN THE HEIGHTS. Beginning September 9, the grand finale of the STAGES 2022 Season, A CHORUS LINE, will begin performances. The 2023 Season is expected to be announced in early September.

STAGES St. Louis performs in The Ross Family Theatre at the Kirkwood Performing Arts Center. Tickets are on sale now online at [StagesStLouis.org](http://StagesStLouis.org) or by phone at 314.821.2407. For more information, please follow STAGES on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) or visit [StagesStLouis.org](http://StagesStLouis.org).

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*STAGES St. Louis is the region's foremost not-for-profit company committed to preserving and advancing the art form of Musical Theatre through excellence in performance and education. This year, STAGES celebrates its 36<sup>th</sup> year of producing Broadway- quality theatre, as well as the first full Season at its new artistic home, the \$25 Million Ross Family Theatre at The Kirkwood Performing Arts Center.*

*STAGES Performing Arts Academy is regionally renowned for its innovative and multi-disciplinary programs that transform lives through immersion in the Musical Theatre arts. Celebrating its 17<sup>th</sup> year, it is also the only such program in the St. Louis region to be connected to a professional theatre company. For more information on the Academy or to register today please call 636.449.5775 or visit us online at [www.StagesStLouis.org](http://www.StagesStLouis.org).*

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