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## **New Art Center in Newton Welcomes New Executive Director**

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The New Art Center is pleased to name Emily O'Neil as the new Executive Director.

Emily O'Neil joins the New Art Center with more than a decade of strategic planning, program development, community building and grant-making experience in the arts and culture nonprofit sector. Emily graduated magna cum laude from Bowdoin College with a degree in Art History, and later completed a Master's degree in Urban Policy from Tufts University, focusing her thesis on the value of arts education in Boston's public school system. Early in her professional career, Emily honed her arts administration skills at both Barbara Krakow Gallery in Boston and Smith Andersen Editions in Palo Alto. She then gravitated to the nonprofit sector, working in fundraising at Inquilinos Boricuas En Accion (I.B.A.), a community development corporation in Boston's South End known for its strong arts and culture programs.

After taking time off to raise three children, Emily returned to the arts, working as Special Events Officer at the American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.) in Cambridge. Most recently, Emily served as Executive Director of the Fort Point Arts Community in South Boston where she grew external recognition and revenue for the organization's programs and initiatives. Emily has also been Executive Director of the Charles and Joan Gross Family Foundation since its incorporation in 2006. She currently serves on the Mayor-appointed Newton Cultural Council, and also volunteers for Newton Community Pride.

*The New Art Center offers a supportive culture that takes art and artists seriously. We serve over 2,500 students annually in hundreds of classes and workshops. Our faculty includes some of the region's most esteemed art educators. In a setting that is welcoming and conveniently located, we offer an inclusive, multi-generational approach to art education that has served children, teens and adults at all skill levels since 1977.*

We are thrilled to have Emily join an already outstanding staff at the New Art Center. She begins her full time position on April 22, 2019. For further information please contact The New Art Center at 617-964-3424 or [info@newartcenter.org](mailto:info@newartcenter.org).