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ARTS FOR LEARNING SAN DIEGO APPOINTS FIVE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

San Diego, CA - Arts for Learning San Diego (A4LSD) is pleased to announce that they have added five new members to their board of directors who will support the organization in fulfilling its mission of providing high-quality arts education programs to students in schools and community venues, and through distance learning.

"We are so pleased to welcome these new board members to the A4LSD family," says Executive Director Adrienne Valencia. "They bring with them a wealth of experience in finance, higher education, non-profit management, and the arts. Their diverse backgrounds and perspectives will help to guide us now and in the coming years."

The new board members began their three-year terms in January 2021, and have the option of renewing for an additional three-year term. The new board members are:

Brian Cerasoli, MBA, Accounting Manager, Gary and Mary West Foundation,
Joy Freeman, MHR, Chief People and Organizational Development Officer, High Tech High,
Kristin Kurth, MA, Operations Support, Thrive Public Schools
Karah Lain, MFA, Assistant Professor of Visual Art, Point Loma Nazarene University,
Rein Townsend, MEd, Director of Admissions - Regional and Online Campuses, University of La
Verne.

"Our Board of Directors is comprised of a dedicated team of community leaders committed to ensuring that all children receive a rich variety of arts education programs," states Board President Jamey Murphy. "I am delighted to welcome such a stellar group of new Board members. Brian, Joy, Kristin, Karah, and Rein bring a wealth of experience in their fields and will be tremendous assets to our Board. I look forward to serving with each of them in the coming year as we continue to engage, elevate, inspire, and transform the community through arts education."

These volunteers will serve in an advisory capacity and join Teresa Drew, Barbara Garcia, Peter Gust and President Jamey Murphy to complete the board.

About Arts for Learning San Diego: Arts for Learning San Diego engages professional teaching artists to provide high-quality arts-based educational programs in five art forms for students, educators, families and communities; advocating for, leading and advancing education in and through the arts. We envision a world where all students, families and communities imagine, create and thrive through the arts.