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JAZZ ST. LOUIS WELCOMES KEITH MURRAY AS DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Murray brings with him a breadth of experience in all phases of funding and sustaining high-quality activities across arts and education.

ST. LOUIS, April 17, 2023 – [Jazz St. Louis](https://www.jazzstl.org) is pleased to announce the appointment of St. Louis native Keith Murray as our new Director of Development. Murray will be responsible for leading and managing our fundraising and development efforts, including major gifts.

Murray has developed deep roots with the St. Louis giving community with his over 30 years of experience in non-profit development, programming, research and evaluation. Murray's career has focused on support of the historically underserved members of our communities and their health and educational challenges. He believes that, far from being extraneous or peripheral, the arts have a power to heal and connect. Murray has worked in the arts, education and public health fields, representing government agencies, universities, non-profits and corporate employers and clients. His varied activities have been unified by a commitment to ensure the work that improves people's lives is well-funded and well-implemented.

Murray's past employment has included serving as Information Officer for the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment in Denver, Research Grant Manager and Consultant at Washington University in St. Louis, Major Gifts Officer, Planned Giving Director, and Campaign Lead at the St. Louis Science Center; and for 20 years, CEO of two development and evaluative research firms in St. Louis and Fairfax, Virginia. He has worked with scores of school districts and dozens of universities and has developed and evaluated grant projects for the National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Education and other federal and state funders.

“Keith's background in development and major gifts are the components needed to ascend JSL to our northern star. His love for the arts and jazz is the passion required for us to expand our name recognition locally, nationally, and internationally,” says Jazz St. Louis President & CEO Victor Goines.

As Director of Development, Murray will work closely with Victor Goines, the board of directors, and other staff members to develop and execute a comprehensive fundraising plan that supports Jazz St. Louis' Education programs and community engagement efforts.

“I'm excited to join the Jazz St. Louis team and to be a part of the energy, joy and commitment that the organization serves with its music,” says Murray.

About Jazz St. Louis

Jazz St. Louis advances the uniquely American art of jazz through performance, education, and community engagement. Each year, this non-profit organization presents over 270 performances in its internationally acclaimed concert series. Jazz St. Louis takes a three-pronged approach to its work: presenting jazz, encouraging and educating future audiences, and nurturing budding musicians. For more information about Jazz St. Louis visit www.jazzstl.org or www.facebook.com/jazzstl