Georgia State University, a large public urban research university in Atlanta, seeks a visionary and experienced leader for our School of Music and the Welch School of Art & Design, and potentially our programs in Film and New Media, all currently in the College of Arts and Sciences. We expect this individual to lead GSU in the evolution of a separate college for the arts and media that will be a national leader in arts and creative industries education, development, and entrepreneurship. This is a unique opportunity for an inspiring leader to create a team and strategic vision focused on the future.

Atlanta and GSU’s location in the city center present extraordinary opportunities for artistic collaboration and partnerships. Atlanta is a music production capital that nurtures artistic accomplishment across many genres. With more than 300 recording studios statewide, a recent legislative study estimated that the music industry has an annual $3.8 billion economic impact on the state. Film studios and television productions generate more than $4 billion in economic activity with an additional $2 billion in game and application development. Most of the city’s cultural and entertainment institutions such as the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Alliance Theater, High Museum of Art, Atlanta Film Festival, Atlanta Opera, Center for Puppetry Arts, and Callanwolde Fine Arts Center regularly partner with GSU students and faculty. GSU is located in one of the creative centers of the world, which means students and faculty have access to exceptional projects, networking, and experiential learning opportunities.

The Associate Dean of Music and the Arts will be an innovative, inspiring and creative leader who can develop a talented team for a diverse and dynamic School of Music with more than 70 tenured, tenure-track and non-tenure track faculty, scholars and practitioners. More information about the School of Music is available at (http://www.music.gsu.edu/). The Associate Dean will also collaborate with the Director of the Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design with over 50 faculty, scholars and practitioners to support its programs and activities. Detailed information about the Welch School can be found at (http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwart/). We expect that Music and Art will develop an even wider influence in the artistic life of Atlanta, as the schools embrace innovations and emerging opportunities in these fields.

The candidate should demonstrate professional accomplishments as a scholar, performer, composer, music educator, or music industry leader in any specialty area of music, and should have an advanced degree within a music specialty, or the equivalent in professional experience. In addition to candidates with specific training and experience in administering music programs, we also especially welcome applications from individuals with arts administration leadership experience, who have worked in the nonprofit sector, or whose professional histories which include executive experience in the music, entertainment, creative, or media arts. The position is currently a direct report to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

QUALIFICATIONS: Significant leadership abilities and a strong vision for music, art and new media in downtown Atlanta, a culturally diverse, dynamic, urban arts center and global city

New Vision & Leadership

- The ability to develop and implement strategic goals and action plans in support of a strategic vision that energizes and engages students, faculty, and the community.
- Vision and demonstrated experience necessary to engage and support faculty, staff and students in their professional development, artistic endeavors, performances, scholarship,
teaching and outreach supporting successful collaborative partnerships and careers in the context of urban communities and emerging media.

**Excellent in Academics and Artistry**

- High standards for performance; scholarly, artistic, and educational excellence; and an understanding of the major challenges of educating students of the creative arts, and preparing them for quality professional careers as artists, entrepreneurs, practitioners, educators and managers in the coming century
- An understanding of the importance of, and sensitivity to, the educational goals and needs of the multicultural population of the Schools, College, University and local communities
- Strengths in building excellent and innovative initiatives and academic programs in music and the arts, music and arts education, music and media industry opportunities, including experiences in interdisciplinary, entrepreneurial, and international activities
- Willingness to experiment and make investments in such innovative programs and in emerging areas that improve student retention, progress, and graduation rates as well as leading to artistic and career success
- The ability to foster new and innovative collaborations among diverse programs and academic units within the University and in the Atlanta arts music community, cultural programs and organizations, and creative arts and entertainment industries, potentially including those involved in the emerging digital culture connected to media production, advertising, the graphic and visual arts

**Communications and Marketing**

- Exceptional oral and written communication skills, and the ability to build and work with teams, to convey the value of music, arts, creative activities, research, education, and specific initiatives to both grow the influence of the arts within the University, the community, and the entertainment industry and creative arts groups in Atlanta
- Administrative experience that will ensure success and permit the Associate Dean to hire, manage, develop, retain and support quality and creative faculty and staff, and work collaboratively with other directors, chairs, administrative officers, deans, and university leadership to grow the reputation, artistry, and academic programs of Georgia State University
- The ability to form relationships with professional and cultural organizations, and relevant arts leaders and industry groups that could lead to significant collaborative partnerships
- Proven effectiveness and relevant interpersonal skills in developing donor and alumni relations and fund-raising

Applications/nominations (letter of interest, complete CV, references) will be accepted until the position is filled. Electronic submission is preferred. Candidate submissions will remain confidential until a candidate is invited to campus, and will be carefully reviewed by a selection committee for this search. Any questions regarding our policies can be directed to Reid Tankersley. Employment will be conditional ending a result of a background check.

Informal inquiries are encouraged. Please contact one of the search committee members: School of Music: Patrick K Freer (pfreer@gsu.edu); Stuart W Gerber (swgerber@gsu.edu); Marie S. Lott
The search committee will begin reviewing materials starting January 30, 2015. Start date is negotiable.

Please mail all materials to:

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Georgia State University is located in the heart of Atlanta, the thriving business and cultural hub of the Southeast. The overarching goal of Georgia State University as it enters its second century is to be recognized as a dynamic academic community where teaching, creative activities, and research combine to produce leaders and create solutions to conquer the challenges of the 21st century. More than 33,000 students attend Georgia State University each semester coming from every county in Georgia, every state in the nation, and 160 countries. The student body is one of the most diverse in the country, and students may choose from over 250 different fields of study.

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