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MEDIA ALERT --

**CAC HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:
Davina Grace Hill Assumes Local Arts Leadership Position**

Douglasville, Georgia – The Board of Directors of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is delighted to announce that Davina Grace Hill has been hired as its new Executive Director following a national search for qualified candidates conducted this fall. Ms. Hill will begin her service at the Cultural Arts Center in early February.

More than 70 applicants were reviewed by the CAC Search Committee, chaired by Marcita Scharnhorst who recently retired as GreyStone Power Corporation's Vice President of Human Resources, is a former President of the arts council board, and is currently CAC's Treasurer. The committee, which also included Bob Smith and Allen Culpepper who both have served as Board Presidents, Ray Martin who is CAC's County Liaison and Personnel Director of Douglas County, Fred Perry who is the City of Douglasville's Human Resources Manager, and Greg Williams, the current President of the Cultural Arts Council Board of Directors, interviewed seven candidates before selecting Ms. Hill as the most qualified for the position in Douglas County. Her hiring and her contract was unanimously approved at a CAC Board meeting on Monday, January 13th.

Regarding the Search Committee's success, Board President Greg Williams commented, "I commend them for selecting the person with the outstanding qualifications for the job, for their comprehensive search for the best candidate, and for their painstaking review of every application."

"Ms. Hill comes to us with many years of experience in the arts," continued President Williams. "She served as the executive director of the Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council in Salisbury, Maryland, for more than two decades, and then she was the executive director of the Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park, Maryland, for six years. Ms. Hill has also worked with the National Endowment for the Humanities as an administrative assistant, the Kansas City Chapter of Young Audiences as a programs director, the Kansas City Symphony as its marketing director, the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis as its development director, and most recently as a staff member at the Horowitz Performing and Visual Arts Center in Columbia, Maryland. Davina earned her bachelor's degree in Communication Arts and Theatre from Austin College in Texas and received her master's degree in Community Arts Management with a focus on Arts Education from the University of Illinois at Springfield. During her interviews with the Search Committee and the Executive Committee, we found Ms. Hill insightful and intelligent, well-informed and warm, experienced and expert in the field of community arts administration. I believe we are very fortunate to have found her.

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