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## Centre Stage taps ManWaring as executive director

Centre Stage announced today that Executive Director BJ Koonce will leave her current post to pursue marketing and fundraising opportunities for the theater. She will be succeeded by Glenda ManWaring of Greenville.

ManWaring, a well-known Upstate performer, director and voiceover artist, served as Creative Director for the recent Centre Stage production of *Rock 'n Roll Heaven*, which achieved the highest weekly gross of any show in the theater's history. "I have a passion to continue BJ's current vision," ManWaring said, "and I'm looking forward to new successes and surprises."



Koonce, who succeeded Centre Stage founding Artistic Director Doug McCoy in 2004, said, "Glenda's availability came at the perfect time for Centre Stage, for our staff and for me. She participated in the selection of our upcoming season and I'm looking forward to helping her promote that season aggressively."

Centre Stage Board President Tim Baiden speaks highly of both Koonce and ManWaring. "We are tremendously grateful to BJ for her years of sterling leadership and quite pleased that she will continue with us in a marketing/fundraising capacity," he said. "We're also extremely excited to have found Glenda – or for Glenda to have found us. Timing is everything in theater and business and Glenda's arrival at this particular moment allows us to continue our forward momentum without pause."

Formerly Creative Ministry Director at Southside Fellowship of Greenville, ManWaring is the wife of Todd ManWaring, owner of ManWaring Construction. She has two daughters, Chelsey ManWaring and Paige ManWaring.

Founded in 1983, Centre Stage is a year-round, 285-seat professional theater designated as a Constituent Member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), whose mission is to strengthen, nurture and promote the professional not-for-profit American theatre. Centre Stage also is a member of the Professional Division of the Southeastern Theater Conference (SETC).

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