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## Meet Executive Director By

The Board of Directors of Willow Oak Center for Arts & Learning is pleased to announce that Bel Stuart will be joining our staff as Executive Director in January. Bel brings an extensive background in the arts and nonprofit management to this position.

Muzetta Miller, who has served as Executive Director since founding Willow Oak in 2007, will assume the roles of Director of Development and Artistic Director, sharing that title with Roger Bunch. "After 17 ½ years as Executive Director, I'm thrilled to have Bel in this leadership role. We are lucky to have such an experienced, artistic, and lovely person working with us. She's bringing her expertise as an actress, musician, playwright, and storyteller, as well as extensive work experience in the nonprofit sector. We can look forward to an expansion of our events and classes, and even more offerings for the community."

Bel is a creative community builder and storyteller whose roots run seven generations deep in Middle Tennessee. She was the show producer for the Bell Witch Fall Festival and has served on multiple arts based non-profit boards and committees including Historic Amgui Station, Madison Arts Crawl and Daybreak Arts in Nashville.

Bel is thrilled to accept her appointment as the Executive Director of Willow Oak Center for Arts & Learning. She joins her staff, board and founder Muzetta in 2025 where they will continue to serve a multi-cultural community through accessible arts enrichment programming and events. She would like to thank her husband Chris, friends and family for always supporting her relentless pursuit of creative expression and adventure.



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THE WILLOW OAK CHORALE

Conductor-in-residence: James W. Story **Co-Director: Savannah Ambrose** Friday April 25 & Saturday, April 26





#### MISSION

Willow Oak Center for Arts & Learning provides experiences in the arts and humanities to all people.

#### VISION

Setting the standard for inspiring and nurturing artistic expression throughout the region.

#### PHILOSOPHY

Willow Oak is about inspiring and nurturing the creative spirit in a welcoming environment, whether in our onsite classes and rehearsals or the outreach programs we offer in Robertson County.

founded in 2007, Willow Oak now serves approximately 12,000 children, youth and adults in our onsite and outreach programs. Students participate in classes in the visual and performing arts, folk and fiber arts, culinary and expressive arts, and the humanities.

Visual arts include oil, acrylic and watercolor painting, drawing, pottery, photography, and calligraphy. Performing arts opportunities are music and theater. Our music program includes a chorale for adults and students in grades 7-12, a children's chorus, and individual music lessons. Classes are offered in acting and auditioning. Folk and fiber arts classes feature loom weaving, spinning, knitting, sewing, leatherworking, blacksmithing, and soap making. Classes in the culinary arts are offered to children and adults, beginner to gourmet. The expressive arts offer opportunities for personal growth. Humanities classes include writing and literature, publishing, languages including American Sign Language, history, and philosophy. Art camps are enjoyed by approximately 100 students each summer.

#### Accessibility & Scholarships

We believe the arts should be accessible to everyone. Willow Oak offers scholarships to any child or adult requesting financial assistance.

#### SUPPORT

It is the support from individuals, businesses, industries, and foundations in our community that make Willow Oak's highly sought-after programs possible.

There are many ways to support the arts in our community:

Individual Giving | Corporate Giving | Event Sponsorships Planned Giving | Gifts Of Stock



Please give to support the arts!

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## PAINTING Parties 7 pm - 10 pm • \$35 Schedule a Private Painting Party for your next Birthday, Team Building, Or Special Occasion!

Painting Parties are a great way to wind down after a long week. Learning and creating in a calm environment is a sure way to enjoy the beginning of a good weekend. We have so many incredible seasonal designs at great prices!



Balloon Love Friday, January 24

7 - 10 PM **\$35** 

7- 10 PM Saturday, February 15 **\$25** Casey Coppock

Conster Set





Mardi Gator Friday, February 28

7 - 10 PM **\$35** 

April Showers Friday, April 11 7-10 PM \$35



Visit us online at www.willowoakarts.org/paintingparties to view all upcoming *"Sip and Paint"* themed parties and a Library of all available party designs.



### SCRIBBLERS SOCIETY

The last Wednesday of each month . 12 pm - 1:30 pm



A monthly gathering of writers, writers to be, and people who are curious about where to start.

We welcome scribblers of all genres to discuss their work and the ever evolving world of writing. Everyone is welcome into this encouraging environment.

Facilitated by Danielle Taylor, Tony Cowan, Jeanne Hardt, **Denise Rostan-Haley, and others.** 

OPEN STUDIO Tuesdays · 10 am - 2 pm

Join us for Ŏpen Studio every Tuesday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm! There is a \$5 fee per person for the use of space.

Artists across all disciplines are invited to come and create. Bring a work-in-progress, or the materials to start a new project, and bring a friend! **15th Annual** 

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James Story as our conductor-in-residence. Well-known throughout the South as a choral clinician, James served as Chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Department at Volunteer State Community College...

#### Register Online www.willowoakarts.org/chorale

The Willow Oak Chorale, made up of adult & high school students, performs with orchestra twice a year. Its repertoire includes many genres: classical, Broadway, jazz, and popular to name a few. The Chorale has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City on two separate occasions.

## WILLOW OAK CENTER FOR ARTS & LEARNIN CHILDREN CHORUS

Grades 1 - 4 • Directed by Ami Fletcher • Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:15 pm



### First Rehearsal: Tuesday, February 4th

#### Spring Performance Date To Be Announced!

Thanks to a grant from The City of Springfield the \$25 tuition is waived for all students - registration is free!

**Ami Fletcher** 

We're honored to have Ami Fletcher returning as choral conductor. In addition to learning music, Ami invites musicians to demonstrate playing instruments and singing. This is a great opportunity for your child to be introduced to the joy of singing and making music!

#### Register Online at www.willowoakarts.org/childrenschorus

## WILLOW OAK CENTER FOR ARTS & LEARNING Join us to be a part of the ILLOW OAK CHORALE

### First Rehearsal: Jan 28, 2025 Concerts: April 25 & 26, 2025





Savannah Ambrose as rehearsal conductor. She will prepare the chorale until James Story joins us. Savannah served as Music Director of the Springfield High School choral program from 2016 - 2023...





#### Monthly Art Lab: Spring Color Palette • Ages: 14+

Gather inspiration from garden catalogs. Paint small flower studies using watercolor and colored pencils. **Saturday, April 12 | 10 AM – 12 PM | \$35 | Instructed by Susan Ernst** 

#### Mommy & Me: Spring Flower Pot Painting • Ages 18 months - 4 years

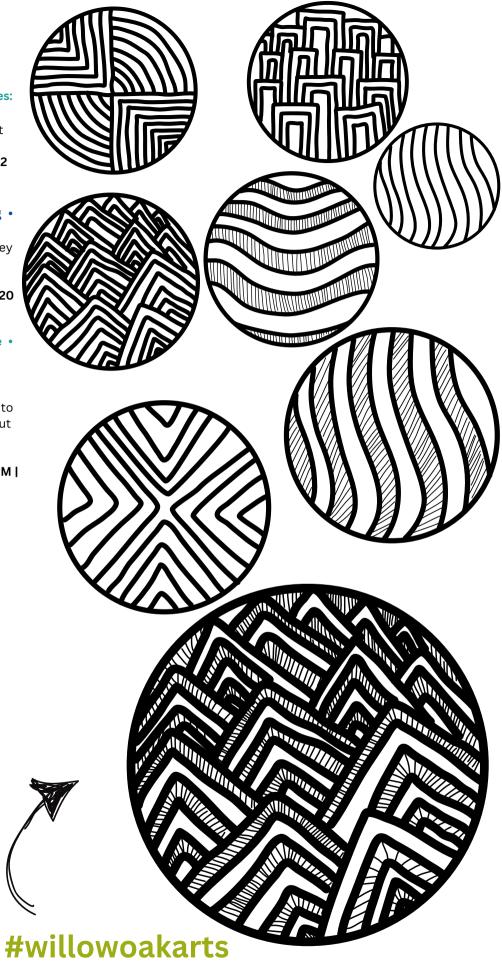
Watch the seeds of creativity grow as Ms. Casey guides you through painting a flower pot with acrylic paint and markers. Flower pots will be provided. **Saturday, April 12 | 9:30 – 11 AM | \$20 | Casey Coppock** 

#### Kids Create: Pop-Up Spring Flower Collage • Ages: 5 - 11

Follow along with Ms. Casey and watch creativity grow as you create a threedimensional Spring bouquet! You'll learn how to fold and place paper pieces to create a pop-out effect. Then embellish your arrangement to create depth, texture, and make your flowers really "stand out!" **Saturday, April 12 | 12 – 2 PM | \$20 | Casey Coppock** 

#### CLASSES ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION. REGISTERED STUDENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED.

CLASSES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, YOU MAY USE YOUR PAYMENT AS A CREDIT TOWARDS ANOTHER CLASS.



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## JANUARY · FEBRUAR

#### Mommy & Me - Snowy Day Puffy Painting • Ages 18 months - 4 years

Join Ms. Casey as she guides your child through making your own puffy paint using shaving cream and glue. You'll use sponges to add blending and texture to make your snowy day scene really stand out. There's "snow" better way to spend a morning with your little one! Saturday, January 11 | 9:30 - 11:00 am | \$20 | Casey Coppock

#### Kids Create - Decorative Tote Bag • Ages 5 -11

Feeling cooped up after the holidays? Let your creativity run wild with this decorative tote bag! Ms. Casey will lead you through designing and decorating your very own tote bag using paints, paint markers, and an assortment of embellishments. Canvas tote bags will be provided. **Saturday, January 11 | 12 - 2 PM | \$20 | Casey Coppock** 

#### Afternoon Arts - Paper Mache Greek Amphora Pottery • Grades 4-8

The past comes alive in this three-week class combining history and art! You'll use paper mâché to explore the world of Greek art and storytelling. You'll learn about shape and balance, you'll create an amphora, or vase, in the style of the Ancient Greeks. A creative way to tell YOUR story **Tuesdays, January 14, 21, & 28 | 4:30-6:00 pm | \$75 | Casey Coppock** 

#### Learning Crochet • Ages 9+

Get cozy with crochet! Join Sam Worley as she walks you through crochet terminology, hooks and how to use them, and a handful of basic stitches. Excellent for beginners and those looking to enhance your current skills. **Saturday, January 18 | 9:30-11:30 am | \$35 | Sam Worley** 

#### Monthly Art Lab: Winter Color Palette • Ages 14+

Combine fabric, paper and magazine images to create a mood board. Learn how to use your mood board to create studies for abstract paintings using watercolor and colored pencils. Saturday, January 18 | 10:00-12:00 pm | \$35 | Susan Ernst

#### Cozy Macrame Mug Rugs • Ages 12+

Grab a cup of tea or coffee and join us for a cozy beginner macrame class! We'll be making two mug rugs that are perfect to add to your home decor or gift to a friend! All supplies are provided. Different color options are available! Saturday, January 18 | 2:00-4:00 pm | \$35 | Meagan Robertson

#### Book Discussion - Storycatcher: Making Sense of Our Lives Through the Power and Practice of Story • Ages 14+

The book discussions at Willow Oak are intended to stimulate your creative juices while building community. Join us this year to learn about the importance of story - your story and the stories of others. No writing experience necessary. We will meet monthly to discuss the chapter and share a bit of our writing from the prompts provided in the book. **Third Tuesday of each month | 10:00-12:00 pm | \$75 | Susan Ernst** *Students must purchase their own copy of "Storycatcher: Making Sense of Our Lives Through the Power and Practice of Story:* by Christian Baldwin

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#### Needle Felting • Ages 16+

Back by popular demand! Learn to "paint" a landscape with wool fibers through the folk art called Needle Felting! **Sunday, January 26 | 1:00-4:00 pm | \$60 | Amy Duncan** 

#### Spring in Your Step Embroidery • Ages 15+

Come stitch this delightful "Spring in Your Step" stitchery with Tracy Souza of Plumcute Designs™. Class will cover coloring on fabric and stitches needed to complete this sweet project. All levels of stitchers are welcome. Light tables will be provided for tracing; however, these are limited. If you have one, you are encouraged to bring it with you. **Thursday, January 30 | 6 – 8:30 PM | Beginner Level Workshop | \$55 | Tracy Souza** 

#### Intro to Ceramics: Mug Making • Ages 10+

In this two-week ceramic mug class, students will learn how to make their own mugs from clay. We'll start by shaping the mugs and adding handles, then refine them before firing. Finally, we'll explore glazing techniques to add color and finish. It's a hands-on, creative experience where you'll craft and personalize your own functional mugs to take home and enjoy! **Fridays, January 31 & February 7 | 6:00-8:00 pm | \$65 | Casey Coppock** 

#### Mommy & Me - Love-Bug Handprint Cards • Ages 18 months - 4 years

Gather your little love bugs, and join Ms. Casey as she guides you through making an adorable Valentine's Day card as unique as your own hands. Using handprints to create our "bugs," you'll embellish your finished project for a card that your loved ones will cherish. Saturday, February 8 | 9:30 - 11:00 am | \$20| Casey Coppock











## FEBRUARY

#### Kids Create - Valentine's Day Pop-Up Cards • Ages 5 - 11

Make this Valentine's Day "pop" with these fun, hand-made pop-up cards! Ms. Casey will guide each student in cutting and folding paper to create pop-up shapes. Then use an assortment of embellishments to make your card really shine. Saturday, February 8 | 12 -2 pm | \$20| Casey Coppock

#### Using the Arts to Work Through Grief • Ages: 18+

Have you lost a loved one to death, divorce, or moving away, recently, or long ago? Or have you lost a special pet? The arts can provide ways of dealing with feelings that can be overwhelming. Activities will include listening to music, journaling, and creating in class and at home. No previous arts experience necessary. Saturday, February 8, 15, & 22 | 10:30-12:00 pm | \$60 | Ami Fletcher & Muzetta Miller

#### Macrame Valentine's Beaded Keychain and Earrings • Ages: 15+

Love is in the air-or on your keys! Join us for a beginner macrame class to make a heart shaped keychain and simple, lightweight earrings that are perfect for Valentines or any time of the year! Custom beads and colors are available! Saturday, February 8 | 2 - 4 pm | \$40 | Meagan Robertson

#### Afternoon Arts - Clay Creative Creature Sculptures • Grades 4-8

Creativity counts in this fun clay hand-building class. With a focus on form, texture, shape, proportion, and imaginative details, Ms. Casey guides you through creating 3D creature sculptures, combining both real and fantastical elements in your designs. Creature sculptures are then painted with acrylic paint to truly bring them to life! The limits are your imagination! Tuesdays, February 11, 18, & 25 | 4:30-6:00 pm | \$75 | Casey Coppock

#### Crochet - Learning to Read a Pattern • Ages: 12+

Do you have a good grasp on crochet stitches, but patterns seem overwhelming and unfamiliar? This is the class for you! Sam Worley breaks down how to read a pattern like a pro, so you can create every fun project you see online or in that pattern book you got for Christmas that you haven't touched yet. Saturday, February 15 | 9:30-11:30 am | \$35 | Sam Worley

#### Love Embroidery and Paper Piecing • Ages: 15+

Come learn to paper piece and create this lovely wreath project with Tracy Souza of Plumcute Designs<sup>™</sup>. Class will cover the basics of paper piecing and embroidery as well as coloring of fabric. Thursday, February 20 | 6 - 8:30 PM | Beginner Level Workshop | \$55.50 | Tracy Souza

#### Intro to Watercolor • Ages: 12+

During this three-week watercolor class, you will be introduced to basic supplies and techniques. You will learn how to break down your pictures to create landscapes and other fun watercolor designs. Thursdays, February 20, 27 & March 6 | 6:30-8:30 pm | \$90 | Danielle Taylor

#### Coffee and Crochet • Ages: 9+

Feeling stuck on your current crochet project? Instructor Sam Worley is here to help "unravel" the mysteries of crochet! Grab your favorite coffee mug and whatever piece you're currently working on, and join us for a morning of camaraderie and learning. Coffee and cups will be provided. Saturday, February 22 | 9:30-11:30 am | \$35 | Sam Worley

#### Monthly Art Lab - Hand Stitch a Fabric Collage • Ages: 14+

Learn how to create mini fabric collages without glue or a sewing machine. Your pieces can be framed, added to an art journal, or incorporated into a larger mixed media piece. Saturday, February 22 | 10 - 12 pm | \$35 | Susan Ernst

#### Collage: Make It Make Sense! • Ages: 18+

An art class designed to help you tell a story you didn't know you had....through collage. Get ready to scavenge for images, reimagine, and rearrange, and take home a fully realized collage that tells a story of personal value and meaning! Sunday, February 23 | 1 - 4 PM | \$50 | Instructed by Amy Duncan



## **MARCH · APRIL**

#### Learning Crochet • Ages: 9+

Get cozy with crochet! Join Sam Worley as she walks you through crochet terminology, hooks and how to use them, and a handful of basic stitches. You'll leave with a finished square and the know-how to make a new set of finished creations. Excellent for beginners and those looking to enhance your current skills. Saturday, March 8 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM | Beginner Level Workshop | \$35 | Sam Worley

#### Mommy & Me: Rainbow Paper Collage • Ages 18 months - 4 years

Join Ms. Casey as she guides your child through this fun and colorful rainbow creation to welcome Spring! You'll use paint and colored paper pieces to create your rainbow, while learning to mix colors and create texture and depth in your creation. Saturday, March 8 | 9:30 - 11 AM | \$20 | Casey Coppock

#### Kids Create: Woven Rainbow Wall Hangings • Ages: 5 - 11

Follow along with Ms. Casey as she helps you welcome Spring with the age-old art of weaving. You'll create a loom, practice weaving techniques, and learn to tie the ends to preserve your creation to hang proudly. Saturday, March 8 | 12 - 2 PM | \$20 | Casey Coppock

#### Monthly Art Lab: Use Vintage Book Pages in Your Art • Ages: 14+

Vintage book pages contain interesting words, illustrations and fonts as well as have a mellow patina not found in new paper, making them appealing material for visual art. Learn a variety of ways to use them, whether that be in an art journal, collage or mixed media painting. Saturday, March 15 | 10 AM - 12 PM | \$35 | Susan Ernst

#### Macrame Daisy Bookmark & Mini Wristlets • Ages: 15+

Add a pop of color to your books and bags with this beginner macrame class! We'll be making daisy-shaped bookmarks and mini wristlets that are the perfect accessory for spring. All supplies are provided and different color options are available! Saturday, March 22 | 2 - 4 PM | Beginner Level Workshop | \$40 | Meagan Robertson

#### Needle Felting Workshop • Ages: 16+

Learn to "paint with fibers" through the folk art of Needle Felting. You'll create and take home a simple landscape using dyed wool fibers while discussing the various uses artists have come up with for this addictive, new, art-making method. You'll learn to safely use your felting needle, how the needle is designed and how it works, how to layer, and (our favorite) how to easily fix mistakes. Sunday, April 6 | 1 - 4 PM | Beginner Level Workshop | \$60 | Amy Duncan



#### Intro to Oil Pastels: Still Life • Ages: 15+

Unlike crayons and other oil and wax-based art tools, oil pastels offer a rich, smooth, creamy texture that's perfect for your next serious art project! In this workshop, explore creating realistic forms and depth as Casey teaches students to smoothly blend and layer colors, capturing light and shadow. So easy to use, you won't want to put them down! Friday, March 28 | 6 - 8 PM | Beginner Level Workshop | \$35 | Casey Coppock

#### Plein Air Watercolor • Ages: 12+

Explore Plein Air Watercolor techniques in this one day workshop. We will adventure out of the classroom with a hands-on approach to painting on-the-go and outside. Suitable for beginners and experienced painters alike! Please have a photograph that you would like to paint from in case it is too cold to go outside. Sunday, March 30 | 1 - 4 PM | Beginner Level Workshop | \$50 | Danielle Taylor

#### Springtime Watercolor Florals • Ages: 12+

Take a theoretical walk in the meadow and discover the season's colorful floral display through watercolor. Danielle will guide the beginner and experienced painter in this three week course. Thursdays, April 10, 17 & 24 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM | Beginner Level Class | \$95 | Danielle Taylor

#### Macrame Tea Towel Holder • Ages: 15+

It's spring time! Update your home decor with this beautiful tea towel holder-an intermediate macrame class. You'll learn to make this beautiful towel holder and take home a tea towel! Custom macrame colors are available. Friday, April 11 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM | Intermediate Level Workshop | \$40 | Meagan Robertson

