



## News Release

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### **John Hughey named new Director of Long Center for the Performing Arts**

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – June 27, 2019 – The Long Center for the Performing Arts introduced John Hughey as their new Director this evening at a Press Conference held at the Long Center to celebrate the accomplishments of former Director Eric Van Cleave and welcome Hughey into his new position.

Eric Van Cleave has served as Executive Director of the Long Center since 2014. “What began as a part-time passion project turned into an all-encompassing labor of love for the Long Center and the City of Lafayette,” said Van Cleave, “I enjoyed practically every minute.”

John Hughey will begin oversight as the Long Center Executive Director immediately. “It is an honor joining the dedicated staff, volunteers and the board of the Long Center for the Performing Arts,” said Hughey. “For nearly 100 years, the Long Center’s historic theater has welcomed families to experience movies, music and live performances. It is a beloved gathering spot for the arts in Lafayette’s thriving downtown. I look forward to nurturing a diverse and an engaging lineup of events for families and the community to experience together.”

Hughey previously held the position of Chief Marketing Officer for the historic Embassy Theater in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he increased Broadway subscriptions by 30 percent and expanded the box office receipts to \$4,000,000.

“This community owes a great deal to Eric Van Cleave for the incredible contributions he has made to enhance our entertainment offerings. Under his stewardship, the Long Center has thrived as Lafayette’s premiere venue for superior performances,” said Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski. “As John Hughey comes on board and brings his unique brand of energy and expertise, we anticipate even greater improvements to Lafayette’s vibrant downtown entertainment scene.”



With a dedicated and experienced management team in place, the Long Center and the Lafayette Theater will begin a collaborative effort to enhance quality of life initiatives in the entertainment arena. The Lafayette Theater is open and day-to-day operations will continue under Perez Productions. Beginning in January of 2020 the Long Center will oversee management and operations of the Lafayette Theater.

For more information please contact the Long Center at [www.longcap.org](http://www.longcap.org) or by phone at (765) 742-5664.

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