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## **Encore Creativity Announces New Chief Executive Officer**

*Annapolis, MD— September 23, 2021* -- Encore Creativity Corporation has named Vickery as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the organization. Vickery began his tenure as leader on October 18, 2021.

“The Board of Directors of Encore is very pleased to present Joshua Vickery as the new CEO of Encore,” said Anthony Tambasco, President, Encore Board of Directors. “Joshua is the right person at the right time to take over the reins and move Encore from its founders to the next generation. He was himself a founder of a very diverse arts community, so he comes with vast experience and a passion for continuing, growing, and leading Encore. His conversations with the Board reveal that he wants to hit the ground running. We welcome him and relish the promise he brings for the future.”

Vickery is a vocalist, actor, teacher, producer, musical director, arts administrator, and conductor. His love of music and the arts has allowed him to have an incredible career thus far. Vickery has been a featured soloist in countless venues, produced musical recordings, and has been a director of numerous productions. He has been an entertainment leader, casting director, and vocal coach for Walt Disney Entertainment. He also serves as a consultant for other arts organizations in their beginning stages and a voice for local, state, and national arts advocacy.

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Vickery has received numerous leadership and community accolades and serves on multiple state and national boards. He holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Vocal Performance and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in General Education/Music.

“I am so excited to begin this role at Encore; to honor the incredible legacy of Jeanne Kelly; and to build on its foundation for impact into the future,” stated Vickery. “The mission and vision of Encore Creativity is one that is valuable and needed, and I am thrilled to be joining the team. I hope to bring my experience and passions to the table to make great impact into the future.”

Retiring Founder and Artistic Director, Jeanne Kelly, is excited by this new direction in leadership.

“Joshua is the consummate CEO. He has enjoyed 11 amazing years building CFCArts into a powerhouse,” Jeanne said. “He has had a keen interest in Encore for three years, watching our growth and success. His ideas of national expansion and strengthening our existing programs know no boundaries. Joshua will get the job done!”

Encore began its Fall session of programs the week of September 7, 2021. Encore consists of 22 local chorales across Washington DC, Maryland, Virginia, and New York; plus, affiliates in Hudson, Ohio; and Santa Clarita, California. In addition, Encore University, is an online program that allows older adults across the country to be engaged and continue learning at home. An estimated 2000 singers participate in all of these artistic enrichment programs.

For more information, visit [encorecreativity.org](http://encorecreativity.org) or call 301-261-5747.

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(PICTURE: Joshua Vickery, new Chief Executive Officer, Encore Creativity.)