



Michael T. Glenn Named CMAAA Executive Director

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Oregon, IL – Former Next Picture Show Director Michael Glenn Aims to Create Cultural Center as new CMAAA Executive Director.

Former Executive Director at The Next Picture Show in Dixon, Michael Glenn has a new role in Ogle County's Seat in Oregon. The Coliseum Museum of Art, Antiques & Americana (CMAAA) is a recently formed not-for-profit focused on renovating and repurposing the historic Coliseum building in downtown Oregon to create a new cultural center for the area.

A native of the area, Mr. Glenn's background includes roles as Executive Director of Hopegivers International in Columbus, GA and Executive Vice President of the National Religious Broadcasters Association in Washington, DC. Most recently, he served as Executive Director of the Next Picture Show, a community fine arts center in downtown Dixon.

"Mike is an exciting addition to our team. His background and skillset are what we need to guide the building renovation, develop partnerships with businesses and organizations, and create the programs and events in order to foster a creative environment for Oregon and the surrounding area," says Ron Bry, CMAAA Board Vice President.

Opened in 1922, the art deco facility at 124 N. 4th Street was once a center of activity for the community. Sitting on the edge of the Oregon Commercial Historic District renovation has already started with plans for a south entrance ramp, new lighting, construction of permanent display cases, and the addition of a Digital Media Studio on the second floor.

CMAAA's mission is the acquisition and display of art, antiques, Americana and history, including both permanent and rotating exhibits, and provide a venue for artists representing all facets of art an opportunity to host exhibitions and offer their creations for sale through a museum store.

"Oregon and the county offer tremendous cultural resources. The Coliseum will be an integral part of the community and reflect the values and quality of life. In conjunction with some of the other area attractions, we expect to help draw local and long distance visitors. In addition, when you look to relocate it can be more than a good job and quality of schools that can make the difference," said Glenn.

CMAAA will collaborate with the City of Oregon, Oregon School District, Park District, Library, Serenity Hospice & Home, Village of Progress, Ogle County Historical Society, Depot Museum, Chana School Museum and others to help create a gathering place for our community, a showcase for the rich historic and artistic heritage of the region, and a place for schoolchildren and future generations, to learn about our roots in Midwestern values.

Progress reports will be posted on the CMAAA website and soon to be launched Facebook page with plans for an official opening in late 2022 or early 2023. For more information, please go to www.cmaaa.org or contact info@cmaaa.org.

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