



## Rana Edgar Describes Details of Arkansas Arts Center's Gracefully Curated Programming

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After breezing through the revolving doors of the Arkansas Arts Center (AAC) and walking up to the front desk, visitors need only flip through a museum brochure to grasp the wide scope of arts classes and educational programs the AAC offers.

There has been enormous growth over the past two years in both the AAC's Museum School and program calendar. Today, the Museum School offers more than 100 classes with more than 60 instructors, including 10 diverse educational opportunities. The person behind it all? That would be Rana Edgar.

Looking at ease in the AAC's library today, Edgar joined the staff in 2016 with an impressive resume. She earned her degree in photography from the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. Then the Florida native pursued her master's degree at the esteemed Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD). After graduation, Edgar was offered a job at SCAD's museum. It was there she learned to coordinate exhibitions, organize educational programs, manage lecture series and more.

After interviewing with the AAC and visiting Little Rock only once, she was brought on as the director of education and programs. Edgar's role includes creating educational programs for the center's audience, putting together gallery talks or more formal lectures, as well as overseeing the Museum School, the Artmobile and the library. Edgar credits her to-do list habit as one of the ways she keeps things running smoothly.





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### Spring Art of Fashion Lectures to Keep on Your Radar

#### **Becoming a Fashion Designer: How Merging Architecture and Fashion Impacts the Work of Merline Labissiere | Thursday, March 29**

Labissiere, a designer who has been on "Project Runway," majored in fashion with a minor in architecture from the Savannah College of Art and Design. She fuses her knowledge of architecture into her work as a fashion designer and will discuss her journey and inspiration in her lecture at the AAC.



#### **Decades: A Century of Fashion with Cameron Silver Saturday, April 14**

Silver is a fashion director at H by Halston, a global celebrity stylist, best-selling author and established fashion expert. Silver's lecture will discuss 20th century fashion and will highlight the timeless trends from the 1900s-2000s. After the lecture, there will be a fashion show and pop-up shop in collaboration with Dillard's at Park Plaza Mall.



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