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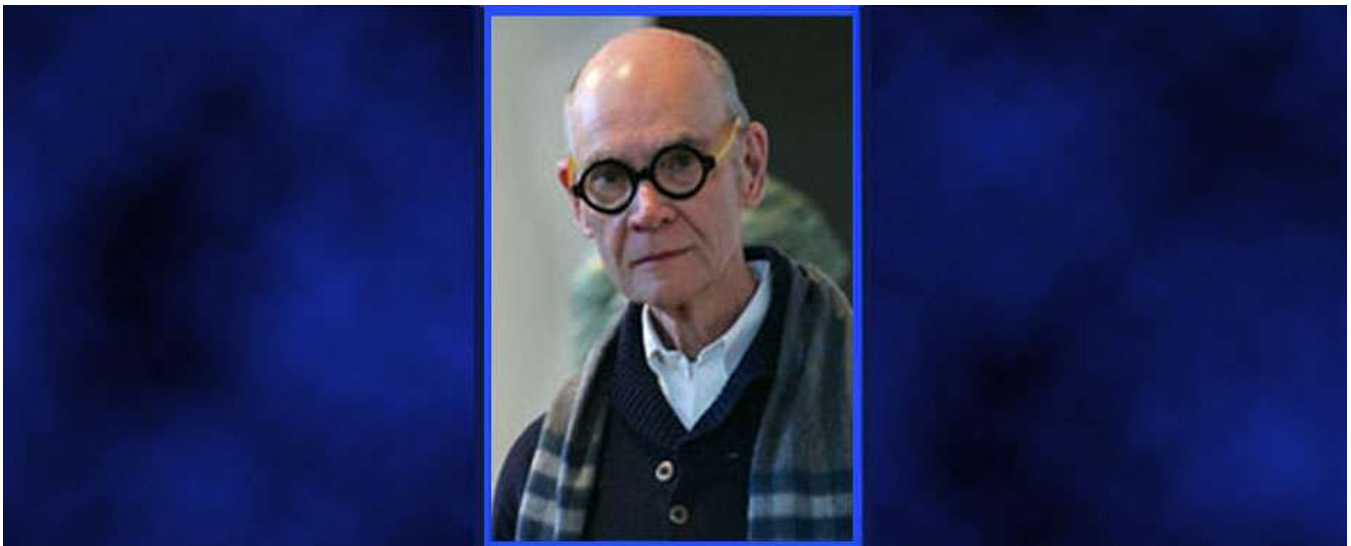


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Arts Consulting Group congratulates Robert Sain, newly appointed Executive Director of the Centre for the Living Arts (CLA) in Mobile, Alabama.

Prior to his most recent position, Mr. Sain served as Executive Director of the Montalvo Arts Center in Silicon Valley. He was previously Founding Director of LACMA Lab at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art where he created one of the country's most innovative artists' spaces. Additionally he served for many years as the Executive Director of the Children's Museum / Museo de los Niños in San Diego.

"What a special time in my career, to return to my southern roots and to develop the Centre for the Living Arts into a major contemporary arts center for the Southeast," said Mr. Sain. "My obsession is community engagement through the arts and this is a terrific moment to demonstrate how the visual and performing arts can be a resource for improving the quality life in Mobile and the Gulf Coast region."

Mr. Sain grew up in Atlanta and received his Bachelors of Arts in European History from Emory University. Prior to entering the museum field, he worked in planning, evaluation and community relations for the Atlanta Southside Comprehensive Health Center serving a low-income population. He emerged as a leader in the arts world as the first Development Director for Walker Art Center in Minneapolis and then launched the first development office for the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles. He is currently on the faculty of Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles. Mr. Sain has also been engaged as a guest curator, consultant and lecturer at prestigious organizations such as The Getty Museum, Auckland Museum, and Skirball Cultural Center.

"We are thrilled that Bob wanted to come to Mobile," said CLA Board Member Jim Cox. "His background in contemporary art, arts management, and arts programming will serve the Centre extremely well. He already loves our community and is excited about what he can bring to the Saenger Theatre and Space 301. Bob recognizes the momentum that Mobile has and sees the potential that CLA has to be a major force in the region. "

"The entire Arts Consulting Group team is very happy for Bob Sain and everyone at the Centre for the Living Arts," said Bruce Thibodeau, President of ACG. "And our thanks to the Search Committee and the CLA Board, and staff members for their active participation in the search process. Thanks also to the many professionals across the country who expressed an interest in the position as well as those who offered candidate recommendations. Congratulations to one and all."

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