



LISA DEGLIANTONI NAMED DIRECTOR AT ONE RIVER SCHOOL

Local community arts leader adds “Art School Director” to her long list of accomplishments

Lisa Degliantoni, known as “Lisa D” to many Evanstonians, is a powerhouse community arts champion who is taking on her newest role as Director of Evanston’s One River School. Degliantoni’s background is dazzling with arts, leadership, and community engagement experience. She is the founder and director of Evanston Made, the cornerstone program for Evanston’s emerging and established artists to showcase and sell their work. She owns and curates West Evanston’s trendy gallery 1100 Florence, sits on the board and volunteers for both YEA (Young Evanston Artists) and non-profit Art Encounter. She produces and hosts podcast “The Lisa D Show” where she interviews local creatives on their art journeys.

Now, amongst much buzz in the community, Degliantoni is transitioning to what will be an exciting arts role in Evanston as the Director of One River School. One River is a network of contemporary art schools founded by Matt Ross, former School of Rock CEO, with support and backing from international gallerists James and Jane Cohan. In searching for school directors, Ross said, “our biggest challenge is finding people with a passion for the arts as well as the skillset to build and lead a great business in their hometowns.” Degliantoni was unanimously approved for the position.

“When you say ‘Lisa D’ everyone knows who you are talking about. Her knowledge of Evanston and the art scene here will be a perfect fit,” says Ellie Hazlett, a local artist and One River instructor. When asked why she wanted to work at One River, Degliantoni responded, “I like to be busy with meaningful work and One River feels like I will have the chance to make a difference in emerging artist’s lives...giving them the enthusiasm and support to pursue their creative ideas. Trying new things is incredibly hard, and if the work I do supports people trying art at any level...that is something I know will be incredibly rewarding.”

Degliantoni starts at One River Evanston on Thursday, November 1. One River provides studio and digital art classes designed by professional contemporary artists to students ages three through adult.