

Berlin – The Board of Directors at St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts is pleased to announce that Amber Bachner has been named Executive Director. Amber will lead the organization in its efforts to advance the arts and humanities in the Androscoggin Valley area as the North Country continues to grow and transform. She will continue the organization’s mission to provide a broad range of cultural, educational, and artistic programs while preserving St. Kieran’s historic building for future generations. Amber will replace Monique Lavertu who served as Executive Director for almost nine years.

Amber Bachner is a new local to Coos County. She is an artist, graduate student, entrepreneur, and blossoming community architect. Spirited and full of ideas, Mrs. Bachner plans to hit the ground running with exciting community building plans, one of which is already in the works for this summer.

“I come from a visual arts background, and strongly believe that innovative events that are exciting and novel bring the community together in ways that are refreshing and fun. I hope to expand and revitalize our arts-inspired environment in an effort to foster shared experiences and social bonding, especially now post-Covid. Berlin is a beautiful place with passionate people, so I’m very excited to invest my energy into St. Kieran’s and to learn and grow with the community,” Amber says.

In addition to managing her new role at St. Kieran’s, Amber is currently a graduate student at Southern New Hampshire University in the Industrial/Organizational Psychology program, an active artist showing her work locally, a substitute teacher for the Berlin public school district, and a member of the Great North Woods Disc Golf League, the Coos County Botanical Garden Club and Supportive Pollinators Volunteer Program. She holds a BA in Psychology with a Minor in Studio Art, and membership with PSI CHI: The International Honor Society in Psychology.

If you would like to support the efforts of the St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts by becoming a member, making a donation or sponsoring a show, please contact Amber by calling 603.752.1028 or stop by to visit at 155 Emery Street, Berlin, NH. She’s looking forward to greeting you!

