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### Quick Facts

- Milling brings more than 12 years of arts education experience and dedication to the Council, having maintained a commitment to arts advocacy in South Carolina and the nation and recently received the South Carolina Dance Association's Advocacy Award.
- After a performing career with various ballet and modern dance companies and Radio City Productions, Milling taught in a wide variety of artistic and educational environments including the New York City Board of Education, Texas Christian University, the University of North Texas, Dallas Black Dance Theatre and others.



*Stephanie Milling*

ROCK HILL, S.C. — The [College of Visual and Performing Arts](#) at Winthrop University today announced that Dr. Stephanie Milling, its assistant dean, has been elected to the **Arts Education Council** of [Americans for the Arts](#), the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts.

**Milling** brings more than 12 years of arts education experience and dedication to the Council, having maintained a commitment to arts advocacy in South Carolina and the nation. She recently received the **South Carolina Dance Association's Advocacy Award**.

After a performing career with various ballet and modern dance companies and Radio City Productions, Milling taught in a wide variety of artistic and educational environments including the **New York City Board of Education**, **Texas Christian University**, the **University of North Texas**, **Dallas Black Dance Theatre** and others. She has served on the Board of Directors for several organizations including the **Charlotte Dance Festival**, the **South Carolina Dance Association** and **South Carolina Dance Education Organization**.

**Milling** has served on grant review panels for the **South Carolina Arts Commission** and the **Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County**, and she recently wrote and received a grant from Winthrop University to study **Language of Dance** and restage a work by [Doris Humphrey](#) from a Labanotation score.

Milling's creative and scholarly work has appeared in venues such as the **Joyce Soho** in New York City, the **D.U.M.B.O. Dance Festival** in Brooklyn, N.Y., and the **Journal of Dance Education**.

**Milling** is the assistant dean of the **College of Visual and Performing Arts** at Winthrop University where she continues to teach dance, women's studies and honors coursework. She holds a Ph.D. in dance and M.A. in women's studies from **Texas Woman's University**, an M.A. in dance education from **New York University**, and a B.A. in French from **Texas Christian University**.

"It was an honor to be elected to the Arts Education Council. As a dedicated arts advocate on the state and national level, I look forward to serving the arts education community in this new role," **Milling** said.

The **Arts Education Council** represents the **Arts Education Network**—a segment of the professional members of **Americans for the Arts** who work to improve access to and impact of arts education programs. The Council provides guidance on the development and execution of programs

and services that meet the needs of arts education professionals nationwide.

**Americans for the Arts** is the leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education in America. With offices in Washington, D.C. and New York City, it has a record of 50 years of service. **Americans for the Arts** is dedicated to representing and serving local communities and creating opportunities for every American to participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts.

“Stephanie Milling brings expertise, skill and passion to ensure that arts education thrives in our nation’s schools and communities,” said **Robert L. Lynch**, president and CEO of **Americans for the Arts**. “Studies have shown that arts education helps young people develop the critical thinking, collaborative and creative skills necessary to succeed in the ever-changing, diverse and global economies of today’s world. We couldn’t be more pleased that Dr. Milling will be joining our council as we work to ensure that all students receive the well-rounded education that they deserve.”

For more information, contact Milling at 803/323-4916 or e-mail her at [millings@winthrop.edu](mailto:millings@winthrop.edu).

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