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## Quick Facts

- As arts education program director, Brown will manage SCAC's arts education programming.
- Brown earned her B.A. in theatre (minor in social sciences) at Winthrop.



*Ashley Kerns Brown*

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – Winthrop University alumna **Ashley Kerns Brown '02** has joined the **South Carolina Arts Commission** as **arts education program director**.

In her new position with the Arts Commission, Brown will manage **arts education programming** and arts education grant programs. She will work closely with the **Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC)** partnership at Winthrop. In addition, Brown will **develop new initiatives** and **fortify existing programs and partnerships** that help provide a quality arts education to all children in South Carolina.

Brown, a native of Greenville, South Carolina, said that she is "overjoyed" to return to her home state and "honored to join the passionate and dedicated team at the South Carolina Arts Commission."

"I look forward to working with communities, schools, civic organizations and businesses to provide opportunities for our students to learn from and through the arts as they develop into world-class citizens," Brown added.

She worked previously as education and engagement manager for Opening Nights Performing Arts at Florida State University (FSU). **Brown** also taught at Stone Academy of Communication Arts in Greenville and Children's Theatre of Charlotte in Charlotte, North Carolina. Her work with Off Tryon Theatre Company, S.C. Children's Theatre and Brevard Music Center has taken her throughout the Southeast. **Brown** earned her B.A. in theatre with a minor in social sciences from Winthrop and her M.F.A. in theatre management at FSU.

To learn more about the South Carolina Arts Commission's programs and services, visit [www.SouthCarolinaArts.com](http://www.SouthCarolinaArts.com).

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