

**David Whitehill, President and CEO**  
**Arts in Stark and the Cultural Center for the Arts**

Award-winning arts and culture leader with more than 20 years of experience in Orange County, California, Bangor, Maine, and Asheville, North Carolina. Passionate about developing and expanding arts education and engagement, promoting the sector as a tool for economic development, and using arts as a driver in connecting and lifting up communities. Whitehill was appointed the President and CEO of ArtsinStark and the Cultural Center for the Arts in February 2021.

Whitehill previously served as Executive Director of the Asheville Symphony where he oversaw the implementation of several signature Asheville Symphony programs. Among those programs are Asheville Amadeus, a biennial festival celebrating the immense creativity within the Asheville community — including music, dance, food, beer, art, theatre and more – with headlining artists including Emanuel Ax, Midori, and Warren Haynes; and Ideasound, the Asheville Symphony’s recording initiatives that have included projects with Grammy Award-winning artists Steep Canyon Rangers, Boyz II Men, and Secret Agent 23 Skidoo. Prior to his appointment in Asheville, Whitehill was Executive Director of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra in Maine. While in Maine he was honored by the Portland Press Herald as one of the 40 top “Young Business and Community Leaders” in the state. Whitehill also worked in Orange County, Calif., as an arts administrator with the Pacific Symphony, Laguna Beach Music Festival, and the Philharmonic Society, where he presented distinguished orchestras including the London, Israel, Warsaw, and New York philharmonic orchestras. Whitehill has worked with Woody Allen, Drummers of Burundi, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band and Linda Ronstadt. Whitehill currently serves on the League of American Orchestras Board of Directors. In 2019, Musical America recognized Whitehill as one of the Top 30 Professionals of the Performing Arts

Whitehill is married to Jessica Whitehill, Executive Director of Jewish Family Services of Western North Carolina. Their daughter Sadie is a budding violinist.