

Carol Iott

Program Manager, Creative Arts Academy



Carol Lee Iott is the Program Manager of the Creative Arts Academy, Cuyahoga Community College's preparatory arts program offering a vibrant arts curriculum for students ages 4-18 in the Greater Cleveland area. Prior to her appointment at Tri-C in her current role in 2023, she also served as an arts consultant for the Creative Arts Academy between 2018-2020 where she was engaged to launch and manage the Vocal Ars Mastery Program.

Carol Lee brings a wealth of arts administration experience to her role, including consulting engagements with the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, California and as General Manager for Les Délices; a Cleveland-based, early music chamber ensemble. She served as Director of Strategy and Special Initiatives with The Cleveland Orchestra from 2014 to 2017, where she led numerous special projects and innovations including Violins of Hope Cleveland, Fridays@7, "At Home" Neighborhood Residency, and collaborations with other major cultural organizations including the Cleveland Play House and Cleveland Museum of Art. She began her tenure with The Cleveland Orchestra as Director of Orchestra Personnel in 2005, and also held the same position with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra from 1995 to 2005.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Ms. Iott completed her Bachelor of Arts in music at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio and Master of Arts in music business management at Columbia College in Chicago. Carol Lee is also an active volunteer in the community where she serves on the board of the Father Michael Wittman Ozanam Center, a non-profit organization operating in partnership with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Cleveland to serve individuals and families in need of free food and clothing at the Chambers Community Empowerment Center in East Cleveland.

Speech Topic and Presentation Summary:

- **Tri-C's Creative Arts Academy – What, Who, Why and How**

Tri-C's Creative Arts Academy strives to inspire young people through year-around, high-quality arts education programs at low or no cost. By ensuring access to the Academy's vibrant music, dance, and media arts programs, all students have opportunities to strengthen their academic and personal growth and create a clear pathway to college in the process.

The Academy promotes social justice and inclusion by leveraging the greatest strengths of the arts to inspire understanding and acceptance. The Creative Arts Academy is passionate about impacting young lives in profound ways through the arts--we look forward to sharing more information about our programs and opening the doors to all that Tri-C offers!