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JESSE ELLIOTT NAMED AS DIRECTOR OF THE MUSIC DISTRICT

FORT COLLINS, Colo., May 16, 2016 – Bohemian Foundation today announced it has named Jesse Elliott as director of the new Music District LLC, a Fort Collins music hub designed for musicians and music-related businesses.

Elliott will lead the Music District staff and will be responsible for all operational aspects of the Music District, including overall management, programming and community relations. Elliott will begin work as director today in preparation for the Music District's opening in September.

"Jesse brings tremendous breadth of experience to this position," Bohemian Foundation Music Programs Director Tom Scharf said. "He is both a longtime working musician as well as an effective and highly innovative leader with a track record of successfully initiating and implementing projects. We're excited to see how the Music District develops under his directorship."

Elliott previously acted as a consultant for the Music District through Range Music Ecosystems, a company that he co-founded. At Range Music Ecosystems Elliott developed music initiatives for a variety of clients across the state, including the City of Denver and the State of Colorado. Elliott also is a musician who has founded two touring bands that have performed more than 1,200 live shows.

"The Music District is an amazing model that has potential to support and build our music community," said Elliott. "I'm looking forward to opening the doors in September."

The Music District, located at 619 to 639 S. College Ave. is a five-building complex designed to serve as a dynamic gathering hub, workspace and creative playground for the music community. The space will be open to community members interested in honing their musical abilities, learning the music business and sharing their music-related skills with other music lovers. The Music District will include rehearsal areas, practice rooms and creative spaces, and it will house music-related service providers, retailers and organizations.

During the next several months, Elliott will oversee hiring of staff for the Music District. Please visit themusicdistrict.org for more information about the Music District and to submit inquiries and ideas.

Bohemian Foundation, a Fort Collins-based private family foundation established in 2001, works to empower citizens and impact communities through its responsive grant making programs and special initiatives. Bohemian Foundation provides support for the Music District. Visit bohemianfoundation.org for information about the foundation's four program areas: Community Programs, Global Programs, Civic Programs and Music Programs.

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