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## Ivan Pulinkala named interim dean of KSU College of the Arts

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Ivan Pulinkala

Kennesaw State University recently appointed Ivan Pulinkala as interim dean of the College of the Arts. Pulinkala founded the Dance program at KSU in 2005 and, under his leadership, it has flourished into the largest collegiate dance program in Georgia. He was instrumental in the development of the Dance Theater on the Marietta campus, Atlanta's first theater designed specifically for dance.

"Ivan continues to distinguish himself as a visionary with strong ties to the arts community. I am confident that his leadership and passion will serve the faculty, staff, and students of the College of the Arts well, and I look forward to working with him," said Linda Noble, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs.

"The arts at KSU are vital to the ecology of our campus and the Atlanta community, providing opportunities to enrich people's lives and engage in critical discourse, while advancing the mission of our student-centered public institution. I am deeply honored to be chosen to serve as the College's interim dean," said Pulinkala.

The KSU Department of Dance has received regional and national attention for Pulinkala's choreographic work at the American College Dance Festival, and Pulinkala is the only choreographer in the history of the American College Dance Festival to have work selected for three successive national festivals. His choreographic commissions have been presented in Israel, Spain, China, and India, in addition to commissions in the United States. Pulinkala also helped launch the first study abroad program in Israel for KSU in May 2016.

Pulinkala was selected by the University System of Georgia to be a part of the Executive Leadership Institute in 2013 and the Accelerated Leadership Academy in 2017.