

Dave Wedekindt selected as new president of Artpark & Company

Artpark & Company Press Release

The Artpark & Company board of directors is excited to announce the appointment of Dave Wedekindt as the new president for Artpark. He begins this role immediately.

“After an extensive and thorough search process, we are thrilled to announce that Dave Wedekindt has been appointed as the new president of Artpark,” Artpark Board Chair Joanne Bauer said.

Peter Petrella of TalentRise said, “Our executive search firm collaborated closely with Artpark’s search committee, which included esteemed Artpark board members, local politicians, and community leaders from both the arts and business sectors.”

Jonathan Dandes and Daniel Montante, co-chairs of the executive search committee, and Artpark board members, said, “The search committee worked tirelessly and with great diligence to identify exceptional candidates who could lead Artpark into its next chapter. While we presented multiple highly qualified candidates, the board ultimately chose Dave, recognizing his proven leadership, deep community connections, and strong alignment with Artpark’s mission. The search process was invaluable in shaping the future of this extraordinary institution.”

Wedekindt stated, “It has been my pleasure to lead this organization through its 50th



Dave Wedekindt

me, but several generations of people in our community and beyond, and it is exciting to build an even brighter future together with our board, New York State Parks, staff, and many other stakeholders.”

Wedekindt joined Artpark in 2018 as director of marketing and sales, bringing extensive experience in performing arts marketing, sales, communications, programming, sponsorship and development to the organization. He was promoted to vice president of concerts and marketing in 2021, then to vice president in 2022, and recently as interim president in April 2024.

Previously, Wedekindt served as director of marketing for the University at Buffalo Center for the Arts in Amherst for 15 years, preceded by five years as associate director of marketing for the CFA. He started his career as associate director of development for Shea’s Performing Arts Center in Buffalo.

A strong advocate for the arts, Wedekindt also serves on the board of directors of MusicalFare Theatre and is past president of the board of directors for Arts Services Inc. He holds an MBA from the University at Buffalo and BS in Business Administration from SUNY Fredonia.

A lifelong Western New Yorker, Dave resides in Amherst with his wife, Susan

anniversary season, and I am honored to be selected to continue in this role. Artpark means so much to not only

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Alison Krauss & Union Station featuring Jerry Douglas to perform on Artpark Mainstage

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Twenty-seven-time Grammy Award winner Alison Krauss announced Tuesday that Alison Krauss & Union Station featuring Jerry Douglas will perform at the Artpark Mainstage Theater at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025, with special guest Willie Watson.

Their “Arcadia 2025 Tour” is

the first collaboration together in a decade, and will see the acclaimed group playing 73 dates across the U.S. and Canada throughout 2025. Alison Krauss & Union Station are also set to release new music next year.

This concert is presented by Live Nation & Artpark. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. this Friday, Dec. 6, with reserved seating starting at \$49.50 and lawn tickets (blankets and carry-in chairs permitted) priced at \$35. Prices include facility fee; additional fees apply for online orders.

Tickets will be available for

purchase online at ticketmaster.com and the Artpark box office, 450 S. Fourth St., Lewiston. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

“I’m so grateful to get to make music again with my comrades of 40 years,” Krauss said. “They’ve always accomplished incredible work individually and have been constantly traveling because of it. We’re very inspired to experience this new exciting chapter in the band’s history.”

For nearly four decades, Alison Krauss & Union Station have upheld their legacy as one of the most influential and widely celebrated acts in bluegrass and roots music. Known for an immaculately crafted but endlessly surprising sound that transcends the boundaries of roots, country, rock ‘n’ roll, and pop, Alison Krauss & Union Station are putting the finishing touches on a new album to be released in 2025 – their first album since the 2011 masterpiece “Paper Airplane,” a critically lauded, multiple Grammy Award-winning LP that debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard country, bluegrass, and folk album charts.

Over the years, Alison Krauss & Union Station have brought their phenomenal live show to sold-out performances at famed venues such as Red Rocks Amphitheatre, The Greek Theatre, Radio City Music Hall, and London’s Royal Festival Hall, in addition to supporting Paul Simon in Hyde Park for his 2012 Graceland reunion. They now gear up for their first tour together since 2015.

The players – Alison Krauss (fiddle, lead vocal), Jerry Douglas (Dobro, lap steel, vocals), Ron Block (banjo, guitar, vocals), Barry Bales (bass, vocals), and welcoming highly acclaimed and celebrated tenor vocalist Russell Moore (guitar, mandolin, lead vocal) as the newest member – are five distinct personalities, each of whom enjoys a flourishing solo career. But when they come together, they transform into a peerless group of musicians who share a singular focus.

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