

2016 Heart to Heart Honoree

Cecilia Friedrichs

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Cecilia Friederichs has been the National Business Agent for United Scenic Artists, Local 829, since 2010. She is proud to be the first woman ever to be elected to this position in the 120-year history of the Local Union. She has been on the Executive Board of the Local Union since 1996 and has been on the staff in various capacities since 1997; first as the Organizer and then as head of the Live Performance Department which includes Broadway. United Scenic Artists represents Scenic, Costume, Lighting, Sound and Projection Designers, Art and Costume Department Coordinators, Computer Artists, Industrial members, and of course, Scenic Artists, working in theatre, ballet, opera, scenic supply shops, motion pictures and television. USA 829 is the only local that represents live performance design. She also serves as a Trustee for the USA 829 Pension Fund and the USA 829 401k Fund and is a member of the Executive Committee of the IATSE Women's Committee.

Cecilia hails from the northwest corner of Minnesota and is blessed with a large and loving family. She holds an undergraduate degree in theatre from South Dakota State University and a Master of Fine Arts in Costume Design from Penn State. She relieves the stress of her job by being an avid gardener.