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Sam Miller Is Ready to Take LMCC's Signature Programs to the Next Level

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council is looking for initiatives that will build even stronger connections with audiences, he tells the Downtown Alliance in our ongoing blog series



Sam Miller, President of the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

New York, NY (April 27, 2011) — Sam Miller was appointed President of the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council in September 2010. Among his many accomplishments, he played an important role transforming Jacob's Pillow in Western Massachusetts from a summer dance festival and school to a year-round dance center.

What type of transformation does Miller have in mind for the LMCC?

"Our plan for the future is built on our core, signature programs, which are so important to artists in New York City," he told the Downtown Alliance. "We are now looking to develop new initiatives that allow us to work with the artists we support and connect to audiences more deeply and broadly in Lower Manhattan."

Miller, 58, is a Rhode Island native and dedicated advocate for the arts. In addition to his work as President and Executive Director of the Jacobs Pillow Dance Festival, he has been President of Leveraging Investments in Creativity and Executive Director of the New England Foundation for the Arts.

The Downtown Alliance sat down with Miller—a new resident of Lower Manhattan—to ask him about his latest role as well as LMCC's acquisition of the Lower Manhattan *River To River Festival*.

You can read the conversation [here](#).

The mission of the Alliance for Downtown New York is to be the principal organization that provides Lower Manhattan's historic financial district with a premier physical and economic environment, advocates for businesses and property owners and promotes the area as a world-class destination for companies, workers, residents and visitors. The Downtown Alliance manages the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Business Improvement District (BID), serving an area roughly from City Hall to the Battery, from the East River to West Street.

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