

DENNIS SANKOVICH, Executive Director
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Dennis Sankovich is the Executive Director for Mississippi State University's Riley Center for Education & Performing Arts in Meridian, Mississippi, a \$24.8 million renovation/restoration of the 1890 Grand Opera House of Mississippi and Marks Rothenberg Mercantile Building. The Riley Center celebrated its grand reopening on September 8 2006.

Sankovich has 25 years of management experience in developing arts organizations including the successful development and \$6 million restoration of the Ritz Theatre in Tiffin, Ohio, through the aide of historic investment tax credits. He has consulted on numerous successful Historic Theatre projects and conducted seminars on Theatre Rehabilitation, Corporate Planning, Organization Management and Development.

Sankovich earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Performing Arts Management and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Toledo.