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**Margie Reese**  
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During her 30-year career as an arts management professional, Margie lead a broad range of large-scale projects in West Africa, Los Angeles, and Dallas in addition to consulting across the United States. Margie has contributed to public policy development in areas of public participation in the arts, arts education and cultural planning, working with both City Manager and strong Mayor forms of government. She most recently founded MJR Partners, a consulting firm based in Dallas, Texas and will continue her focus on strengthening leadership, operations and programs for cultural institutions. Currently, Margie serves as the Vice-President of Programs for Big Thought, an organization focused on closing the opportunity gap in education through creative learning.

As Vice President for Programs, Margie oversees the development of high-quality in school and out of school time enrichment programs for students in the Dallas Independent School District. A secondary but equally important aspect of the role of Vice President for Programs is the parallel development of a strong, diverse, and highly skilled workforce of teaching artists to support an arts integrated curriculum of learning for our children. Margie holds a bachelor's degree in speech and theater from Washington State University and a master of fine arts degree in theater from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX.

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