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Randy McKay is the President & CEO of the nonprofit Carolina Theatre of Durham. He grew up backstage as a precocious child actor in community theater until he learned there were actually people who were good at it. He then pestered the stage crew to let him help instead and eventually launched a career in sound, lighting, pyro and special effect production. With a background in show management from rock music to theater and ballet to symphony, his credits include San Francisco Opera; three Tony Award-winning theater companies; an Emmy Award-nominated ballet; four Broadway shows, co-founding a new world-renowned symphony orchestra, and numerous rock concert tours for acts large and small. He has run venues from huge to intimate, rural to city-center. He has been on the national board of the League of Historic American Theatres, is on the Board of the North Carolina Presenters' Consortium, teaches theater restoration and operations nationally, and is a sought-after public speaker on the power of the arts in economic development. Randy has restored and opened three abandoned historic theaters and his consulting firm has helped theaters throughout North and Central America through restorations, new construction, or operational improvements. You can learn more about Randy McKay and Associates Venue Consulting® at [randymckay.com](http://randymckay.com)