

THOR STEINGRABER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Since his appointment in 2014, Steingraber has brought acclaim to the Valley Performing Arts Center. The 1700-seat venue, located in the heart of the San Fernando Valley, has come to be known as home to many Los Angeles artists and arts organizations, and Steingraber's lifetime experience as a producer has brought to VPAC some of the most innovative and diverse programming in the region.

Previously, Steingraber was Vice President of two of the nation's largest performing arts centers – The Kimmel Center in Philadelphia, and The Music Center in downtown Los Angeles. In his capacity at The Music Center, Steingraber was responsible for opening Grand Park and establishing the vision that has made the park vital to LA, as the home to its many celebrations and holidays.

Steingraber's artistic career spans more than 20 years, directing at major venues from Lincoln Center to theaters in Europe and Asia. But Los Angeles has always been his artistic home. He directed his first major opera production at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in 1996.

Steingraber is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School and was its first Fellow for Arts and Culture.