

# Seeking Visionary Members for the Board of Directors of Theatre Calgary

## **Position Description**

Theatre Calgary is looking for enthusiastic and dedicated community leaders to serve as members on our Board of Directors (Board). Board members will use their knowledge and experience to support the mission and vision of Theatre Calgary.

The Board is comprised of volunteers. Members are expected to:

- Be an advocate and ambassador for the values, mission and vision of Theatre Calgary;
- Work with fellow board members to fulfill the obligations of board membership;
- Act in a way that contributes to the effective operation of the board;
- Regularly attend and participate in board meetings (7 per Annum), participate in at least one standing committee, as well as the annual board planning retreat;
- Help support the theatre financially on an annual basis by purchasing a subscription, becoming either a Dress Circle member or Artistic Champion, and participating in or contributing to fundraising events; and
- Participate in fund development by taking on various tasks tailored to your comfort and skills.

## **About Theatre Calgary**

**PURPOSE**: To crush monotony through creative and engaging experiences.

Theatre Calgary is recognized as Calgary's preeminent theatre company as well as a leader in the Canadian and international theatre communities. For over 50 years, Theatre Calgary has presented work that delights audiences and inspires generations of emerging artists. We are proud to be a vital contributor to Calgary's creative energy.

The quality of Theatre Calgary's ground-breaking stage productions, as well as our community and mentorship programs, are made possible through the enthusiastic support of our community. We strive to continually elevate all aspects of our artistic work, our relationships with audiences and our value we provide to individual supporters and corporate partners.

Annually, we present more than 180 performances with five main stage productions and our annual stalwart, *A Christmas Carol*, in the Max Bell Theatre in Arts Commons. We also have a vibrant emerging artist program where we provide professional acting experiences and mentorship to new theatre graduates. These emerging artists make their professional debut during Calgary's signature outdoor family event, *Shakespeare by the Bow*, at Prince's Island Park each summer.

Theatre Calgary aims to become a leading, city-building arts institution that uses the power, excellence and inspiration of the work we represent to engage multiple communities in enriching lives through the performing arts. Our Board members are exemplary leaders and community builders that recognize and champion the arts as an essential component to healthy, vibrant and economically



viable cities. Our success to date is built upon the foresight and support of the Board. We are seeking visionary new members to help us achieve our next milestones.

Theatre Calgary is committed to building a diverse and inclusive Board and as such we encourage applications from qualified individuals of any cultural, religious and gender identity, age, national origin or ability status.

### **About the Candidates**

#### **Desired Characteristics:**

- Skills/experience in the following areas: corporate and community leadership, accounting, philanthropic leadership, marketing, arts background and/or not-for-profit board service.
- From a diverse background (i.e. Indigenous, visible minority, LGBTQ, having a disability, under 40).
- An interest in theatre and a passion for arts and culture as essential elements for city building.

#### **Term**

An initial 3-year term commencing September 2020; term may be renewed annually following initial term.

#### **Contact Information**

Qualified individuals are invited to contact Craig Senyk or Kirsty Sklar with any questions and to discuss submitting an expression of interest by January 15, 2021.

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