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New Executive Director of the Palace Theatre Arts Commons, Leading Efforts in Rebuilding and Inspiring London's Arts Community

London, Ontario — The Palace Theatre Arts Commons (PTAC) is thrilled to announce Melissa Parker as its new Executive Director, bringing a wealth of experience, passion and vision for the theatre's future as a vibrant, inclusive and inspiring arts hub. Parker steps into this role during the PTAC's 50th season, a landmark year reflecting both its history and exciting path forward.

A native of London, Melissa Parker spent nearly two decades working in arts and culture across Canada, with roles at the Toronto International Film Festival, the Blyth Festival and the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Her extensive background in theatre and arts management, coupled with her commitment to fostering creativity within communities, positions her to lead the Palace Theatre in rebuilding, growing and enriching London's cultural landscape.

Under Parker's leadership, the PTAC will continue to expand programming that celebrates diverse artistic talent and creates welcoming spaces where people of all backgrounds can gather, connect and find inspiration. She plans to focus on building partnerships, securing new funding and increasing community engagement to ensure that the theatre remains a beacon of accessibility, inclusion and creativity.

"This is an incredible time for us to bring renewed energy, passion and resources into our work," said Parker. "The arts have an incredible power to inspire and transform. Our aim is to make the Palace a thriving home for the arts, where everyone can feel they belong and contribute their story to the rich tapestry of our community"

PTAC is excited to embark on this new chapter, building on its 50-year legacy of artistic excellence and community impact. The Board of Directors and staff are confident that this new leadership will bring transformative growth, galvanizing the Palace Theatre as a cultural cornerstone in London.

About Palace Theatre Arts Commons

The Palace Theatre Arts Commons is a community-focused, volunteer-driven theatre in London, dedicated to enriching lives through accessible and diverse arts programming. As an arts hub, it offers a wide range of performances, workshops and events that foster connection, creativity and inclusivity.

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