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Kjipuktuk/Halifax, NS – The Theatre Nova Scotia Board of Directors is proud to announce the organization's new Executive Director is **Dr. Cat MacKeigan**.

"On behalf of the board of directors, we are very excited about the addition of Cat MacKeigan to Theatre Nova Scotia and to a bigger role as an advocate in the whole cultural sector of NS and the region. Cat brings a wealth of knowledge and community connection to this role, as well as an inclusive philosophy that will inform and enrich their leadership as they move forward with Theatre Nova Scotia, welcoming and supporting all facets of the theatre community across this region of Mi'kma'ki," say Board Co-Chairs, Chris O'Neill and Colleen MacIsaac.

Cat (they/them) joins Theatre Nova Scotia with 15+ years of professional experience working within Canada's arts and culture sector. Holding a BA(H) in Theatre from Bishop's University, they entered the arts sector as a stage manager before attending Dalhousie University where they earned an MPA and a PhD studying public policy, arts, and economic development. Cat comes to TNS from Strategic Arts Management, where they have been the Director of External Relations since 2014. In addition to their work at SAM, Cat has also been a Researcher and Lecturer at Dalhousie University, a Production Manager with multiple events and production companies, and Project Consultant for various arts-based and queer-focused performance groups throughout the province.



With this extensive and varied portfolio, Cat has a rock-solid understanding of the sector and demonstrated ability to support its growing needs. As Executive Director they will be a strong voice and advocate for TNS members and the sector at large. "It's a pivotal moment for theatres and for the arts as we come out of the pandemic, and we really look forward to Cat leading us through at the helm of TNS," say the Co-Chairs.

Cat is thrilled to be joining the TNS team: "I was a theatre kid. I grew up in Nova Scotia's theatre sector. It helped shape who I am today. If I could tell that childhood me what was to come, my jaw would have hit the ground. I am excited by my new role as Executive Director at TNS and recognize the trust the TNS board and membership are giving me to lead this organization. I believe we are on the brink of something amazing, and I am thrilled to have a hand in shaping and developing that potential across Nova Scotia's theatre sector. Because the truth is, I'm still a theatre kid and will always be, no matter what age."

Cat will officially come aboard as Executive Director as of July 2021. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome!