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THOUSAND ISLANDS PLAYHOUSE HIRES NEW GENERAL MANAGER

GANANOQUE, ON (November 16, 2016) – The **Thousand Islands Playhouse** has hired a new General Manager. **Brett Christopher**, the Artistic Producer of Theatre Kingston, founder of the Kingston Theatre Alliance, the Kick & Push Festival, and the Storefront Festival, joins the Thousand Islands Playhouse before its 35th anniversary season.

"I am very excited to take on this management role at the Playhouse and to work with Artistic Director **Ashlie Corcoran,**" says Christopher. "There is a great opportunity here, with my ongoing work at Theatre Kingston, which will allow the alignment of the two companies. I want to ensure there are cool theatre experiences happening for everyone in the region all year round."

Audiences at the Thousand Islands Playhouse will recognize Christopher from his performances onstage and his tenure as the Head of Marketing and Development under founding Artistic Director Greg Wanless.

After working in Toronto for a decade, he returned home to Kingston where he has become a driving force in the city's arts community as the Artistic Producer of Theatre Kingston. Over the last few years, the region has seen a significant increase in innovative theatre experiences through Christopher's involvement in the Kick & Push Festival, the Storefront Festival, and other initiatives.

Christopher completed his undergraduate studies at Queen's University and has been an active member of the Canadian theatre community since graduating from George Brown College's theatre program. He has worked with a variety of theatre companies across Canada as an actor, director, and producer.

The Thousand Islands Playhouse's Board of Directors would like to thank former General Manager Richard Van Dusen for his six years of service and wish him well in his future endeavours.

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Since 1982, the Thousand Islands Playhouse has been producing live, professional theatre with talent drawn from across Canada. With two fully accessible venues housed in historic buildings and a panoramic waterfront view of the St. Lawrence River, the Playhouse has been named, "The most charming theatre in Canada." (CBC Radio)

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