

Royal MTC announces Executive Director Camilla Holland to depart at end of 2023/24 season

Winnipeg, December 12, 2023 – Laurie Speers, Chair of the Board of Trustees, announces that Executive Director Camilla Holland will not be renewing her contract at the end of the 2023/24 season. In a long-planned transition, Camilla will leave in June 2024 after 13 years with Royal MTC, and the organization launches a search today for a new Executive Director.

Already a fixture in the Canadian theatre community, Camilla joined Royal MTC in 2011 and has been an empathetic leader, a passionate advocate of the arts, and has showcased her community-driven approach every step of the way. Royal MTC is deeply grateful for her dedication and we are excited to see what she does next.

“The Board of Trustees will miss Camilla’s leadership profoundly; however we are deeply grateful for her immense contributions to Royal MTC, Manitoba’s cultural landscape and to Canadian theatre. She is a brilliantly talented leader whose professionalism and integrity have been instrumental in our success. Camilla has made a significant impact during her tenure, particularly as we navigated the challenges associated with the pandemic. Working with Camilla has been an honour, a privilege and a pleasure. As we look optimistically to the future, the Board wishes Camilla all the best as she brings her passion and talents to new ventures.” – Laurie Speers, Chair of the Board of Trustees

“Camilla has been an astonishing leader for Royal MTC. Her impact on our theatre, and the arts and culture scene in Manitoba is undeniable. I feel so lucky to have had such a passionate and high-level partner at my side. With grace and tenacity, she has helped realize our bold vision for this theatre, while ensuring our long-term sustainability through these challenging years. She is truly a gift to Canadian theatre, and we wish her well as she embarks on her next great adventure!” – Kelly Thornton, Artistic Director

“It has been an honour and a joy to serve as Executive Director, and a privilege to co-lead the organization, first with Artistic Director Emeritus Steven Schipper, and now Artistic Director Kelly Thornton. I have loved working with hundreds of staff and artists whose enormous expertise and energy have helped produce beautiful work on our stages. I owe a huge debt of thanks to the Board volunteers who helped Royal MTC survive and thrive through challenges, particularly during our extended intermission through COVID. I’m excited to find, in the words of *The Sound of Music*, another mountain to climb, and to continue to support Winnipeg’s extraordinary arts and culture sector as a donor, audience member and volunteer. I’m confident that an amazing new leader will be welcomed by the community, and I look forward to assisting a smooth transition.” – Camilla Holland, Executive Director

The Board of Trustees has assembled a Search Committee comprised of members of the Board and the community: Ed Acuna, Spencer Duncanson, Loren Remillard, Laurie Speers, Kelly Thornton, Jennifer Tesoro and Geeta Tucker, and has engaged Searchlight Partners Group to secure a new Executive Director. Full position details are available [here](#).

Photos of Camilla Holland are available on our website. To access these photos, visit the MEDIA CENTRE at royalmtc.ca/mediacentre.

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