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Calgary Opera Bids Farewell to Director of Production

Today, Calgary Opera announces Tom McCarthy's resignation as he moves on to take on the General Manager position at Calgary Arts Development Authority (CADA). Throughout his 12 years with Calgary Opera, Tom McCarthy has been an integral part of expanding and elevating Calgary Opera's production standards.

"For Calgary Opera, Tom has always done an incredible job and his expertise has put the very best on our stage," says General Director and CEO W.R. (Bob) McPhee. "He will be deeply missed and we wish him the very best in his new position."

During his time with Calgary Opera, Tom McCarthy oversaw the move from the Burns Building to the Arrata Opera Centre, was vital in the creation of Calgary Opera's first world premiere production *Filumena*, as well as the subsequent world premieres of *Frobisher* and *The Inventor*, and saw an increase in both Canadian premieres that Calgary Opera presented and the number of opera sets built by our company.

"We're pleased to have such a well respected member of the community, and someone of Tom's calibre and experience join the CADA team," says Terry Rock, President and CEO of Calgary Arts Development. "As we prepare for a new era of growth, Tom's skills and experience will go a long way."

Building communities has always been a focus for Tom and moving on to CADA will allow him to work with the entire arts community in Calgary.

"There is something important, unique and vital about Calgary's arts community. It is something quite close to my heart and I look to the future with much excitement and enthusiasm," says Tom. "My time with Calgary Opera has been a highlight of my 36 year career. There is a magical vision of what Calgary Opera is and will be. Everyone there is focused and driving towards achieving that vision. You get caught up in the dream and you want to do whatever you can to make it reality."

Calgary Opera will announce a new Director of Production once the search is completed and an appointment is confirmed.

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