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Calgary Opera Welcomes New Director of Production

June 1, Calgary Opera announces the appointment of Bonni Baynton Sprague as the Director of Production. As Stage Manager, Bonni worked with Calgary Opera for over 10 years and we're happy to welcome her back to the production department.

"I am excited to return to Calgary Opera in my new role as Director of Production," says Bonni. "I'm looking forward to working with my Calgary Opera family again and meeting the challenges that this new job will bring me."

Bonni has worked in stage management for over 25 years in the disciplines of dance, theatre, opera and musical theatre. Within the theatre community she's worked with Alberta Theatre Projects, Theatre Calgary, Decidedly Jazz Danceworks, Manitoba Theatre Centre, Neptune Theatre, Edmonton Opera, Lunchbox Theatre and The Charlottetown Festival.

"Although Bonni left us for a short time, she's returned to take on a new role at the opera and build on her previous experience with the company," says General Director and CEO W.R. (Bob) McPhee. "We're happy to have her back."

Bonni assumes the role of Director of Production today, taking over for Tom McCarthy who just finished his 11th season with the company.

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