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Theatre Workshop Board of Directors announces new Executive Director, Calissa J. Whitmore

The TWO Board of Directors would like to announce the appointment of TWO Education Coordinator Calissa J. Whitmore (Calli) as the new TWO Executive Director.

Long time Executive Director, Todd Reynolds, announced his retirement on December 2, 2024. Mr. Reynolds' last day with TWO was February 14, 2025, and since that time, the Board of Directors President, Lisa Mingus-Tullis, has served as interim Executive Director.

The Board of Directors for TWO launched an extensive regional search across various platforms. Mingus-Tullis appointed a nine-member search committee, composed of eight board members, and one member at large. Close to 30 applications were received from five states. The search committee independently evaluated the candidates using a numeric scoring system based upon criteria from the job advertisement. After scoring was complete, the committee selected five candidates for initial interviews. Subsequently, two candidates were selected for final interviews with the Board of Directors and the Board made their final decision last week.

“Calli’s growth with Theatre Workshop of Owensboro, from a youth actor, to her undergraduate theatre degrees and master’s in Arts Administration is a testament to what’s possible when we invest in artists and leaders within our own community,” said Mingus-Tullis, “Her work as education coordinator since 2021, coupled with her recent expanded role working closely with Todd Reynolds on planning, grants, and day to day issues has prepared her for this role.” Mingus-Tullis continues, “Calli has been a driving force behind programs that deepen our impact and expand our reach. Now, as Executive Director, she will lead us into our next chapter, shaping the future TWO with bold ideas, strategic vision, and an unwavering commitment to our mission to educate, transform and inspire our community through the theatrical arts.”

“I am filled with overwhelming gratitude to be selected as the new Executive Director of the organization that ignited my passion for the arts and paved the way to where I am today,” Whitmore stated. “I look forward to fostering the successes of TWO’s legacy, while creating new paths and opportunities for local community artists and our many community stakeholders,” Whitmore concluded.

Mingus-Tullis added, “This search process underscored for us why Calli is the perfect choice as our next Executive Director, and I am proud of our Board of Directors for their careful, deliberate, focused work in this selection process.”

An open house “Meet TWO’s New ED” is being planned by the Board of Directors within the next month so the community, TWO volunteers and stakeholders will have the opportunity to meet Calli. Details coming soon!