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FRINGE ANNOUNCES Interim Executive Director

Hamilton, ON – The Board of Directors of the Hamilton Festival Theatre Company is pleased to announce that Marilo Nuñez, the Company’s current General Manager, will assume the role of Interim Executive Director effective September 1, 2016. Marilo will replace Interim Festival Director Jessica Anderson, who is leaving at the end of her contract to pursue other projects, until March 2017 when Executive Director Claire Calnan is expected to return from maternity leave.

Prior to becoming General Manager of the Company, Marilo Nuñez had been working in Canadian theatre for over 20 years as an actor, playwright, producer and director. She was the founding Artistic Director of Alameda Theatre Company, one of Canada’s only theatre companies dedicated to developing the new work of Latinx Canadian playwrights. She served as a member of PACT’s Advocacy and Cultural Diversity committees, was on the Canada Council’s Equity Sounding in 2014 and is an advocate for creating equitable strides for culturally diverse and culturally specific artists and companies in Canadian theatre.

About her new role Marilo says: ““Over the past year and a half, I have been the General Manager for the Hamilton Fringe Festival. I have seen the festival grow in amazing ways! Stepping into this new position as Interim Executive Director, I look forward to helming the 2017 Frost Bites and putting everything in place for our 2017 summer Fringe Festival. I am also looking forward to meeting more artists, more audience members and supporters. I thank the Board of Directors for giving me this opportunity.”

Board President Valerie VanLandschoot says “Marilo has brought her considerable skills and expertise to the role of General Manager and we are confident she will be a successful Interim Executive Director. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to express our appreciation to Jessica Anderson who has performed the role of Interim Executive Director exceptionally. The 2016 Hamilton Fringe Festival had the highest attendance and box office numbers in the Festival’s history. We wish Jessica success in her new endeavours.”

The Hamilton Fringe Festival is an 11-day un-juried annual theatre festival that takes place each July in downtown Hamilton. The 2017 Festival will take place from July 20th to the 30th, 2017. The Company also produces a site-specific winter festival, [Frost Bites](#). The 2017 Frost Bites Festival will take place at the Art Gallery of Hamilton from February 9th to the 12th, 2017

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