



Communiqué

MANITOBA ARTS COUNCIL

New Appointments

NOVEMBER 13th 2009, WINNIPEG:

Douglas Riske, Executive Director of the Manitoba Arts Council is pleased to announce the appointments of: Leanne Foley as Interim Communications Manager (effective October 5th) for Darla Gauthier who is on maternity leave, Teresa Kowalke as Program Assistant (effective October 13th) Roxanne Letourneau as Program Assistant (effective 20th October) , Dominique Reynolds as Receptionist/Communications Assistant (effective November 2nd) and Rachel Klein as Administrative Intern from University of Waterloo (effective September 8th to December 18th, 2009). Riske commented that: “We are very pleased to welcome new faces to MAC, especially this group of individuals with such a fine mix of talent and experience. They will undoubtedly contribute greatly to MAC and our commitment to serve Manitoba artists and communities.”

Leanne Foley (Communications Manager) left Australia over 15 years ago and now lives in Winnipeg. Leanne taught as a classroom teacher in Australia and then returned to college to train as an actor. She later became artistic director of the KITE Theatre (Brisbane, Queensland), which created theatre exclusively for the early childhood years. On arriving in Winnipeg, Leanne was employed by the Manitoba Theatre for Young People (MTYP) as it's Theatre School Administrator and later as MTYP Artistic Director Leslie Silverman's Artistic Associate. For the past 10 years she has worked in Winnipeg as a theatre and film designer. Leanne is a member of the Associated Designers of Canada. She was nominated for a Sterling Award (Edmonton) in costume design for *A Year with Frog & Toad* and a Blizzard in production design for *The Nature of Nicholas*.

Roxanne LeTourneau (Program Assistant) comes to MAC from the Water and Waste Water Industry where she was employed as a sales and administrative agent. She has worked in many different sectors from Canada Post, Air Canada, and Festival du Voyageur to Statistics Canada. Roxanne graduated from the University of Winnipeg with a diploma in Human Resources and Business Management. Roxanne started painting (acrylic on canvas) over 15 years ago and it continues to be her passion.

Teresa Kowalke (Program Assistant) was born and raised in Winnipeg. She began her 16 year career as an Administrative Assistant at Child and Family Services. She then chose to stay at home to raise her children before returning to the workforce as a Human Resources Assistant at Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation. Teresa studied at the Success Commercial College where she graduated with honours from the legal secretary program.



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Dominique Reynolds (Reception/Communications Assistant) is a French Canadian Métis chanteuse. After eight years of singing in the award winning a cappella group Madrigaia, Dominique felt it was time to return to her singer-songwriter roots while exploring her Métis heritage. She just recently released her latest album entitled *Tiny Burden*, which was produced by Doc Walker's Murray Pulver. She has also spent the last few years honing her interviewing chops as the cultural reporter for French CBC Radio's *Radio-Réveil* and teaching students to write songs with the Learning Through the Arts program.

Rachel Klein (Administrative Intern) is in her third year of an Arts and Business program at the University of Waterloo (Waterloo, Ontario). She is majoring in English (Rhetoric and Professional Writing) with a Cultural Management Specialization. Rachel is at MAC for the second of her five required co-op work terms. The program uses an alternating pattern of school terms and work terms. She has previously worked for the Centre for Cultural Management at the University of Waterloo. In 2008 Rachel received the Young Author's Poetry Award, and Rhetoric and Professional Writing Award, and was on the Dean's Honours List. Rachel hopes to attend law school and to remain involved in the arts community.

For a complete staff listing, please visit the MAC website at www.artscouncil.mb.ca.

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