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ARTS CLUB WELCOMES NEW CHAIR TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The Arts Club Theatre Company welcomes **Richard Bell** as Chair of its Board of Directors. Under the guidance of Mr. Bell and Immediate Past Chair **Bruce Flexman**, the board provides governance to steer the not-for-profit company's operations and ensure a solid financial base for producing shows for three venues and a provincial tour, deepening its vibrant play commissioning program, and developing education initiatives.

Mr. Bell has a long history in the practice of real estate, wills, and estate planning. He founded his company, Bell Alliance, with the goal of creating a paperless law firm and has been recognized by Adobe as one of the leading minds behind the paperless model. He also co-founded Yongle Technologies Inc., which completely eliminates paper from the presale process for multi-family projects.

In addition to sitting on the Arts Club's board, Mr. Bell is an active supporter of World Housing, a charity that provides homes for families living in slums in the developing world. His outstanding contributions and service to the community saw Bell Alliance as a finalist for a Vancouver Board of Trade Spirit of Vancouver Award.

The Arts Club's Executive Director, **Peter Cathie White**, says, "Richard has been not only an engaged board member, but also a longtime corporate sponsor of the Arts Club. I am excited to work with him on the company's strategic priorities and furthering our work in planned-giving donations, an area of expertise for Richard."

On the Arts Club's coming change in leadership, Artistic Managing Director **Bill Millerd** says, "I'd like to thank Richard and Bruce Flexman for their extraordinary contributions during this time of transition. I would also like to acknowledge the team of board members on the whole. I am grateful for the time and energy they bring to our company as we continue to focus on new developments."

Incoming Artistic Director **Ashlie Corcoran** adds, "I'm excited to work with Richard, and the board as a whole, as I step into this new role at the Arts Club. They are a dynamic group, and I'm thrilled to collaborate with them all." Corcoran will take over the company's artistic leadership at the end of February.

The Arts Club Theatre Company Board of Directors is as follows:

- Richard Bell (Chair), President, Bell Alliance Lawyers & Notaries Public
- Bruce Flexman, FCPA, FCA (Immediate Past Chair), Immediate Past President, AdvantageBC
- John Dawson, FCPA, FCA (Treasurer), Accountant/Business Advisor
- Catherine Aczel Boivie (Secretary), President & CEO, STLC-Strategic Technology Leadership Corporation
- Mike Black (Director), Vice-President, Customer Service Delivery, TELUS
- Teo Dechev (Director), CEO & President, Mundoro Capital
- Anna Fung, Q.C. (Director), Commissioner, British Columbia Utilities Commission
- James Kitamura (Director), Regional Vice President, BMO Financial Group
- Eugen Klein (Director), Principal, Royal LePage Sussex Klein Group
- Bryan Mabee (Director), VP, Branch Manager and Portfolio Manager, National Bank Financial
- Bonnie Mah (Director), Senior Administrator, Bilsland Griffith Benefit Administrators
- Heather McKay (Director), Human Resources Consultant
- David Morton (Director), Commissioner, B.C. Utilities

- Ross Paul, C.M., PhD (Director), Adjunct Professor Centre for Policy Studies in Higher Education & Training, UBC
- Kerry Suffolk (Director), Treasurer, B2Gold Corp.
- Erika Tse (Director), Chief Legal Officer & VP Human Resources, Glentel Inc.
- Art Vertlieb, Q.C. (Director), Vertlieb & Co.
- Shawn Williamson (Director), Chairman, Brightlight Pictures

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ABOUT THE ARTS CLUB

The Arts Club Theatre Company, founded in 1964, is Canada's largest not-for-profit urban theatre company. Led by Artistic Managing Director Bill Millerd, Incoming Artistic Director Ashlie Corcoran, and Executive Director Peter Cathie White, it offers professional theatre at three venues—the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage, Granville Island Stage, and the Goldcorp Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre—as well as on tour throughout the province.

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