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THEATER ALLIANCE OF WASHINGTON DC ANNOUNCES COLIN HOVDE AS NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Theater Alliance of Washington DC is pleased to announce the appointment of DC Based director and producer Colin Hovde as artistic director for its ninth season.

Colin Hovde, is a native of Seattle, Washington, and current DC resident, and is a graduate of University of North Carolina School of the Arts. He has worked with many theaters in the DC Metro area, including The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Rorschach Theater, Solas Nua, Source Theater Festival, Capital Fringe Festival, Washington Shakespeare Company, Forum Theater, Open Circle Theater, Washington Savoyards, The In Series, and dog & pony dc. Hovde's work has also has been seen nationally, and internationally at theaters such as Perseverance Theatre in Juneau, Alaska, Rustaveli Theatre in the Republic of Georgia, and The Worldwide Arts Collective Festival in Macau, China.

Hovde is a recipient of the O'Neill Playwrights Festival Director Fellowship, The Kenan Fund for the Arts Fellowship at the Kennedy Center, and a Cultural Envoy Grant from the Department of State. He is also an associate member of SDC the union for Stage Directors.

Hovde's commitment to new and multi-disciplinary work manifested itself with the formation of Artists' Bloc, and as a founding member of the Capital Fringe Festival. With Artists' Bloc he has championed many DC-based artists in developing their new work, and has continually pushed for more integration of disciplines and experimentation.

Hovde said, "I am thrilled and honored to have the opportunity to work with such an exciting theater, with such a vibrant legacy. Theater Alliance was my first home in DC, and I am very passionate about its mission, and its commitment to new, challenging, and thought provoking theater. I am excited for the journey to come, taking this company to its next step in defining the role it plays in this dynamic DC theater community."

Adele Robey, President of Theater Alliance's board of directors, said, " I first met Colin when he was fresh out of school and was working with us as an associate artistic director. He tackled everything he did with incredible enthusiasm, and he had more wonderful ideas than I could ever keep up with. I am so glad that we are now the beneficiary of those ideas as Colin jumps in with his exciting artistic vision, his energy and his generous heart. "

Theater Alliance was founded in 1993 with the distinct goal of producing work that would illuminate the experiences, philosophies and interests of DC's diverse populations. That goal was furthered when Theater Alliance moved from its home at the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop to become the sole theater-in-residence at the H Street Playhouse. The company's mission has evolved into presenting new or rarely produced work geared towards attracting diverse and alternative audiences to our Northeast community.

Theater Alliance will continue this coming season with the vibrant and powerful Black Nativity this December with two more shows to be announced at the beginning of the new year.

For more information, or to schedule an interview with Colin Hovde or Adele Robey, please contact Adele Robey at 202-841-6457, arobey@fusemail.com or info@theateralliance.com.

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