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**SPECIAL ADD-ON PRODUCTION**

**WORLD-PREMIERE DRAMA**

**RIGHT TO BE FORGOTTEN**

**BY SHARYN ROTHSTEIN | DIRECTED BY SEEMA SUEKO**

**ARLENE AND ROBERT KOGOD CRADLE | OCTOBER 11 - NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

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As champions for freedom of speech through the First Amendment, the question around when we allow voluntary forgetfulness is complicated. As Sharyn Rothstein points out in *Right to be Forgotten*, sometimes we do things we regret, we grow up or we change as people. If we never forgive or forget, it is hard—or even impossible—to move on.

Arena's deputy artistic director Seema Sueko brought this play to me and has given this production her careful and talented eye as director. When I read it, I was struck by the play being about this moment in time. Even so, in the time since it was first written and today, much has happened internationally and nationally around the issue. Technology moves at lightening speed.

I'm a huge proponent of freedom of speech. It's essential. However, when does one person's right to voice an opinion become a chain around someone else's neck?

Europe has a different view of personal privacy, valuing privacy over broad freedoms of speech. As Americans, it's a real and difficult issue to grapple with. We want the internet to be open — and it needs to be; we need to have the ability to mount demonstrations and speak truth to power; and we need to have checks and balances to keep robust and peaceful communities. But we don't want Google or Facebook knowing everything about us, or making decisions for us about what we like, where we want to go, who we want to talk to. People's identities can be stolen, people can be held hostage by a smart hacker somewhere far away.

Freedom of speech and the press is most powerful when it illuminates all sides of an issue. This brings up a question of forgiveness. When someone changes their mind, comes across the aisle to a new perspective, isn't it right to embrace their change? With the very long memory of the internet—forever—even after the fact people may tap into the beginning of the conversation and not the end, so they don't get to experience the moment of change and forgiveness. There are so many positives to today's world and the technology we have. But we need to be mindful of the pitfalls. I'm energized by the fact that politicians like Mayor Pete are talking about the *Right to be Forgotten* — hopefully, this will grow as a subject nationally.

Sharyn Rothstein is asking the right questions, and in that delightful theater way, not presenting us with easy answers. Finding a comfortable solution—finding the ability to forgive and forget in a way that doesn't stop us from speaking out—that part is for each of us to do.

Molly Smith
Artistic Director

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Sharyn Rothstein’s *Right to be Forgotten* plunges us headfirst into examining our relationship with the Internet — a landscape built on connectivity, information and innovation, but teeming with persistent notifications, advertising, cyberbullies and false information. More and more, threats to cybersecurity have us renegotiating our relationship with privacy and the devices on which we spend much of our time. The ideas found at the core of Sharyn’s play have me thinking about Arena Stage’s relationship with the Internet. Arena’s vision is to galvanize the transformative power of theater to understand who we are as Americans. In the digital age, we can no longer continue this pursuit without the Internet being part of that discourse.

Think about how the web has changed your theatergoing experience. How did you hear about our show? Long gone are the days when we would simply mail out a season preview and wait for the subscriptions to flood in. Now we can email, post, share and notify our nearly 300,000 annual patrons about all the exciting things happening on our stages and engage with them in real time. We can also direct our audience to arenastage.org where they can purchase season subscriptions or single-tickets, donate, or take a virtual tour of our spaces, even when the building is closed.

How has the web changed our idea of togetherness? Of community? As we continue to celebrate our 70th Anniversary Season and our 10th year of producing work here in the Mead Center, I am eager to witness how technology will aid our work and provide audiences with access to Arena’s voice beyond these walls. This summer, we presented an 11-hour reading of the Mueller Report in the Molly Smith Study. The event, which was attended by more than 250 people, was live-streamed and allowed individuals from around the country to take part in the experience. FaceTime and streaming services continue to change our perception of what it means to be together.

I remember a time when tweets were for the birds and texts were something you held—a manuscript or a novel. When the world feels like it is moving at such a rapid pace that we don’t recognize it anymore, I encourage you to find time to unplug. I’ve found my newsfeed is often congested with content, but lacking empathy and any sense of humanity. Under Deputy Artistic Director Seema Sueko’s masterful direction, Sharyn’s play cuts through the noise of the digital age with empathy and compassion.

No matter what you think of this rapidly evolving technological age we inhabit, I can’t thank you enough for being here with us. And for turning off your cell phone.

Edgar Dobie
Executive Producer
President of the Corporation
WHAT IS THE RIGHT TO BE FORGOTTEN?

by Naysan Mojgani, Literary Manager

In a pre-Internet world, there is a natural distancing that occurs between people and their past; memory fades over time and old news stories are filed away on microfiche. But in the modern world, where an article can be shared with millions in an instant and Google caches data forever, we’ve lost that natural ability to forget. As a result, one mistake can haunt an individual for a lifetime. With some offenses, this might be justified — as we’ve seen in the #MeToo era — but should we be followed for decades by every past transgression?

To address this problem, the "right to be forgotten" has been implemented most notably in the European Union (EU)’s General Data Protection Regulation (although similar laws exist in California, Argentina, India and South Korea), which enables individuals to request that search engines de-index links to websites containing “inaccurate, inadequate, irrelevant or excessive” information about themselves. The websites themselves are not removed or censored, but simply become harder to find. Also, the requests are not automatically honored; since the GDPR went into effect in 2014, Google has received over 800,000 requests in Europe, including a total of over 3.3 million specific URLs, and fewer than 45% of those URLs have been removed from Google search results. If Google (not any government body) deems there to be significant public interest in the information, the request may be rejected.

The U.S. has no equivalent federal “right to be forgotten” law as it conflicts with the First Amendment. Free speech advocates are wary of empowering for-profit corporations to decide who has the right to privacy and when. In the interest of an informed public debate on this complicated issue, on the facing page find a brief (and necessarily incomplete) timeline of privacy in the United States.
1890 Samuel D. Warren and future Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis publish their seminal article "The Right to Privacy," inspiring several state courts to look favorably on privacy arguments.

1928 In Olmstead v. U.S., Brandeis again dissents, arguing that the Constitution's protections (including the implicit right to privacy) should not be evaded by advancing technology.

1934 Federal Communications Act creates the FCC and authorizes the government to engage in wiretapping, with a warrant.

1965 Griswold v. Connecticut establishes that a right to privacy exists in the Constitution through "penumbras" and "emanations" of more explicit protections and rights.

1970 The first comprehensive privacy law in the U.S. — the Fair Credit Reporting Act — limits and regulates the collection of and access to personal financial data.

1974 The Federal Privacy Act governs the collection and use of personal information by the federal government.

1975 Supreme Court rules in Cox v. Cohn that the press's freedom to publish public information outweighs individual privacy rights.

1994 Netscape invents the "cookie," which allows users' online activity to be tracked.

1995 European Union passes first data protection rule.

2002 President Bush issues a secret presidential order authorizing the NSA's warrantless domestic surveillance program.

2006 Facebook opens membership to anybody over 13 with a valid email address.

2007 Google Street View goes live; it is later revealed that the fleet of Street View cars taking photos simultaneously collected personal information from home wi-fi networks.

2012 U.S. v. Jones establishes that the use of GPS data requires a warrant.

2012 Google integrates user data across their entire suite of products.

2013 Edward Snowden leaks information about the NSA's PRISM program, which gathered personal data of millions of Internet users.

2014 The EU requires search engines to create a "right to be forgotten" procedure.

2018 It is revealed that Cambridge Analytica illicitly accessed the Facebook data of tens of millions of users; this data was allegedly used in Ted Cruz's 2015 campaign, Donald Trump's 2016 campaign and the Brexit campaign.

2018 Carpenter v. U.S. establishes that a warrant is required for the use of historical cellphone location data.
What are the Arena Civil Dialogues?

Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater hosts community conversations as a part of the Arena Civil Dialogues series. The conversations seek to provide an opportunity for members of the Washington, D.C. community to engage in civil discourse about social and political issues, and aim to demonstrate that people of diverse viewpoints can have fruitful dialogues with one another. Each Arena Civil Dialogue features prominent Dialogue Starters, and is moderated by Amitai Etzioni, a university professor at The George Washington University and author. The conversations, initiated by Dialogue Starters, are dedicated to discussion among participants about topics related to current events.

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CAST
Derril Lark................................................................. JOHN AUSTIN*
Marta Lee................................................................. MELODY BUTIU*
Eve Selinsky.......................................................... GUADALUPE CAMPOS*
Annie Zahirovic...................................................... RACHEL FELSTEIN*
Sarita Imari.............................................................. SHUBHANGI KUCHIBHOTLA
Alvaro Santos......................................................... EDWARD O’BLENIS*

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Technical Director .................................................................................... NATALIE BELL
Properties Director .................................................................................... JENN SHEETZ
Costume Director ..................................................................................... JOSEPH P. SALASOVICH
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CAST

JOHN AUSTIN (Derril Lark) last appeared at Arena Stage as Valentin in Kleptocracy. Other D.C. credits include: Trond/German Husband in Oslo (Round House Theatre) and Frank in Melancholy Play (Helen Award, Outstanding Production; Constellation Theatre). With National Players (Olney Theatre Center), John toured America as Montano in Othello, the Mad Hatter in Alice in Wonderland and Gatsby in The Great Gatsby. In Austin, Texas, John originated the role of Young Zeus in Zeus in Therapy (B. Iden Payne Award, Outstanding Young Performer; Tutto Theatre Company). Training: BFA in Acting, Summa Cum Laude, from Boston University; Certificate in Classical Acting from L.A.M.D.A. The Bette Davis Foundation awarded John the Bette Davis Prize, for excellence in the acting profession. Upcoming: Easy Women Smoking Loose Cigarettes (Signature Theatre). Instagram: @johnaustinactor.

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GUADALUPE CAMPOS (Eve Selinksy) last appeared at Arena Stage in the ensemble for Native Gardens. Other D.C. credits include: work with The Kennedy Center TYA, Olney Theatre Center, Studio Theatre, Theatre Alliance, Arts on the Horizon and GALA Hispanic Theatre. Regional credits include: Theatre Squared, Arkansas Staged, The Border Theatre and North Dakota Shakespeare. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from The University of Texas El Paso and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Arkansas. She studied long-form comedy in NYC at The Upright Citizens Brigade. Guadalupe is a bilingual teaching artist for Shakespeare Theatre Company and is also the current director of Paso Nuevo, GALA Hispanic Theatre’s after school program for at-risk youth. Instagram: @guadalupecamposm

MELODY BUTIU (Marta Lee) is making her Arena Stage debut. She has appeared on Broadway in Doctor Zhivago and Off-Broadway in David Byrne’s Here Lies Love at The Public Theater. She has performed regionally in South Pacific (Finger Lakes MTF); Vietgone (Denver Center); M. Butterfly. Shipwrecked and The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow (South Coast Repertory); Merrily We Roll Along (Wallis Annenberg Center); Sunday in the Park with George (Huntington Theatre); and Stage Kiss (Geffen Playhouse). Melody has also performed at Seattle Repertory, American Conservatory Theater, Getty Villa, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Kirk Douglas Theatre, East West Players, San Diego Repertory and La Jolla Playhouse. Melody’s TV and film credits include “The Patients,” “The Kominsky Method,” “NCIS: LA,” “Kingdom,” “Rizzoli & Isles,” “Major Crimes,” “Gotham,” “NCIS” and “True Blood.” melodybutiu.com

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RACHEL FELSTEIN (Annie Zahirovic)’s D.C. credits include: Antigonick (Taffety Punk), Summerland (Washington Stage Guild) and Lake Effect (Tonic Theater at the Kennedy Center). Rachel is also looking forward to appearing with Mosaic Theater Company in their upcoming production of Pilgrims Musa and Sheri in the New World. New York credits include: This American Life — As Seen on Radio (BAM); readings and productions with Ensemble Studio Theatre, and wRETCH — the final concert (Fresh Fruit Festival). Regional credits include: Fun Home (Virginia Stage Company); The Merry Wives of Windsor (Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey); and the most recent national tour of Man of La Mancha. Rachel is a proud MFA graduate of the Academy for Classical Acting and studied acting with Terry Knickerbocker. www.rachelfelstein.com
WHO’S WHO

SHUBHANGI KUCHIBHOTLA (Sarita Imari) is excited for her debut performance at Arena Stage and is over the moon to be here! Other D.C. credits include: White Snake as ensemble (Constellation Theatre); The Comedy of Errors as Foley Artist, Love’s Labour’s Lost as Maria and The Miser as Marianne (Annapolis Shakespeare Company); and Twelfth Night as Feste, The Mail Order Bride as June and The Amish Project as Velda (UMBC Theatre Department). Shubhangi graduated from the University of Maryland Baltimore County with her BFA in Acting (’18). Instagram: @Shubhyk. Website: kshubhangi.com. So much love to all my family, friends and mentors!

EDWARD O’BLENIS (Alvaro Santos) is excited to be making his Arena Stage debut. Most recently, Edward was seen Off-Broadway as Gasparo in Red Bull Theater’s critically acclaimed production of The White Devil. Other recent work includes: Oberon in A Midsummer Night’s Dream (Chicago Shakespeare Theater); Walter Lee in A Raisin in the Sun (Triad Stage); and originating the role of Ronald Hitchens in Bruce Graham’s world-premiere production of Sanctions (Delaware Stage). He is a repeat performer at Connecticut’s Westport Playhouse where he performed in Joanne Woodward’s directorial finale of A Member of the Wedding. He can be seen on various television shows and later this year portraying the iconic role of Ralph Ellison in the film “Shirley” starring Elizabeth Moss and Michael Stuhlbarg. www.edwardoblenis.com. Instagram: @eddieboy_o

CREATIVE

SHARYN ROTHSTEIN (Playwright)’s plays include By the Water (Manhattan Theatre Club/Ars Nova), Neglect (Ensemble Studio Theater), All the Days (McCarter Theatre Center), Landladies (Northlight Theatre), and Tell Me I’m Not Crazy and Camp Monster (Williamstown Theater Festival). She was a writer and producer for the USA legal drama “Suits” and has developed shows for Bravo and Apple. Sharyn is the winner of the American Theater Critics Association Francesca Primus Prize and four-time recipient of the Edgerton Foundation New Play Award. Sharyn holds an MFA in Dramatic Writing from NYU as well as a Master’s in Public Health, Hunter College; and a BA in Sociology, Vassar College.

SEEMA SUEKO (Director) loves directing, research and development (R&D), and building community through theater. She serves as Deputy Artistic Director of Arena Stage, where she directed The Heiress, The Price and Smart People. Her R&D work includes developing Consensus Organizing for Theater methodology, creating the Green Theater Choices Toolkit, and researching the neuroscience of theater. Prior, she was Associate Artistic Director at Pasadena Playhouse and Executive Artistic Director of Mo`olelo Performing Arts Company. Her directing and acting credits include Arena Stage, Denver Center, Ford’s Theatre, Pasadena Playhouse, People’s Light, The Old Globe, Yale Rep, 5th Avenue Theatre, Native Voices, among others. As a playwright, she received commissions from Mixed Blood Theatre Company and Baltimore Center Stage. Her work has been recognized by the Chicago Jeff Awards, NAACP, American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Asian Pacific American Friends of the Theater, California State Assembly. Seema serves on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of Stage Directors and Choreographers Society.
WHO'S WHO

PAIGE HATHAWAY (Set Designer) is based in the Washington, D.C., area. Her D.C.-area credits include: School Girls... A Doll's House Part 2, How I Learned to Drive, The Book of Will and Or (Round House Theatre); Escaped Alone, Ain't Misbehavin', John and The Gulf (Signature Theatre); South Pacific and Godspell (Olney Theatre Center); Talley's Folly, Becoming Dr. Ruth and Everything is Illuminated (Theater J); and Me... Jane (Kennedy Center). Her regional credits include: Matilda, Cinderella, Jerome Robbins' Broadway and A Chorus Line (Muny in St. Louis); Sweat (Asolo Rep in Sarasota); and A Midsummer Night's Dream (Arden in Philadelphia). She received her MFA in Scenic Design from the University of Maryland. Instagram: @paigehathawaydesign. www.paigehathawaydesign.com

ADAM HONORÉ (Lighting Designer) Adam is thrilled to be making his D.C. debut at Arena Stage. Selected Off-Broadway credits include: Ain't No Mo (The Public); Carmen Jones (Classic Stage Company, Dir. John Doyle); Behind the Sheet (Ensemble Studio Theatre); and Faux-bia! (Carnegie Hall). Selected regional collaborations include: the Huntington Theater Company, Dallas Theater Center, Signature Theatre and the Capital Repertory Theatre. International designs include: Haydn's The Seasons (Austria), Kinky Boots (Manila) and the international premiere of Fun Home, which featured Lea Salonga. Adam is a Drama Desk & Henry Hewes Nominee, as well as an AUDELCO Award recipient. www.HonoreLighting.com

IVANIA STACK (Costume Designer) is delighted to return to Arena Stage, where she previously designed for The Heiress, The Price, Two Trains Running and Intelligence. Her work has been seen at many other D.C.-area theaters including Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company (company member), Ford's Theater, Round House Theatre (resident artist), Kennedy Center Family Theatre, Signature Theatre, Imagination Stage, Olney Theatre Center (associate artist), Studio Theatre, Theatre J, Constellation Theatre, Pointless Theatre, Synetic Theatre, Forum Theatre, Theatre Alliance, Rorschach Theatre, Metro Stage and Gala Hispanic Theatre. Her regional credits include designs for Seattle Repertory Theatre, Center Stage, Everyman Theatre, The Karski Project, Andy's Summer Playhouse, The Second City and The Contemporary American Theatre Festival. She has an MFA in design from the University of Maryland, College Park.

ANDRE PLUESS (Sound Designer)'s Arena Stage credits include Indecent, Smart People, Equivocation, The Passion Play Trilogy, Legacy of Light, 33 Variations, Smart People, Metamorphoses and Arabian Nights. Broadway: Metamorphoses, I Am My Own Wife and 33 Variations, as well as the world premiere of The Clean House at Yale Repertory and Lincoln Center. Based in Chicago, his work has appeared on most of the city's stages including the Goodman, Steppenwolf, Chicago Shakespeare and Lookingglass Theatre, where he is an associate artist. Regional credits include multiple productions with Oregon and California Shakespeare Festivals, The Guthrie Theatre, The MUNY, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, La Jolla Playhouse and Center Theater Group.

SHAWN DUAN (Projection Designer) is a New York-based projections and media designer. Arena Stage credits include: Snow Child and Jubilee. Select credits include: Broadway's Chinglish (Longacre) and work with Off-Broadway/New York with the MET Museum, The Public Theater and Abrons Art Center. Regional credits include: The Alliance, Berkeley Repertory, Dallas Theater Center, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, The Guthrie, The MUNY, Oregon Shakespeare.
WHO'S WHO

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ZACH CAMPION (Dialect and Vocal Coach) is a freelance voice, speech and dialect coach and once worked in the Arena Stage sales office. D.C. credits include: voice/dialect coach for Kleptocracy, Indecent, Sovereignty, The Price and Smart People (Arena Stage); Doubt, Hand to God, Vietgone and The Remains (Studio Theatre); the world premiere of The Gulf, and Heisenberg (Signature Theatre); Cabaret, Tiger Style, Labour of Love, The Invisible Hand and My Fair Lady (Olney Theatre Center); The Legend of Georgia McBride and Angels in America Part 1 and 2 (Round House); and The Wiz (Ford's Theatre). Zach is a certified teacher of Fitzmaurice Voicework© and is a member of the Studio Acting Conservatory faculty. Education: MFA Virginia Commonwealth University, BFA Texas State University. www.voicecoachdc.com

JOCELYN CLARKE (Dramaturg) is currently theater advisor to the Arts Council of Ireland and dramaturg at American Voices New Play Institute at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. He has taught dramaturgy at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Columbia University and Trinity College Dublin. He was the commissioning and literary manager of the Abbey Theatre for four years, and lead theater critic with The Sunday Tribune for nine years. He is an associate artist with The Civilians and Theatre Mitu in New York. He has written six plays for Anne Bogart and the SITI Company, including Bob, Alice's Adventures Underground, Room, Score, Antigone, Trojan Women (After Euripides) and Chess Game No. 5.

KURT HALL (Stage Manager)’s Arena Stage credits include Jubilee, Indecent, The Great Society, The Pajama Game, Smart People, Watch on the Rhine, Carousel, Born for This, All the Way, Sweat, The Blood Quilt, Our War, Smokey Joe's Café, Mother Courage and Her Children starring Kathleen Turner, Maurice Hines is Tappin' Thru Life, Good People, Red Hot Patriot starring Kathleen Turner, The Normal Heart, Red, Ruined, every tongue confess starring Phylicia Rashad, Duke Ellington’s Sophisticated Ladies, Looped starring Valerie Harper, Next to Normal starring Alice Ripley, Awake and Sing! and The Goat, or Who is Sylvia. He has additional regional credits at the Kennedy Center, Roundabout Theatre Company, McCarter Theatre, Shakespeare Theatre Company, Kansas City Repertory Theatre, Baltimore Center Stage and Signature Theatre. Thanks to his family for all their support.

HETHYR (RED) VERHOEF (Stage Manager) is frequently on the road regionally and nationally with A Night with Janis Joplin, a musical that got its wings here at Arena! She also completed a successful run of JOA here in the Kogod Cradle. Hethyr has worked on numerous productions over the years as a stage manager and flyman. She continues to be deeply invested in theater, art, diversity and all the elements it takes to create it. Red is thrilled to return to Arena Stage for this exciting piece and is a proud member of AEA.
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ARENA STAGE LEADERSHIP

MOLLY SMITH (Artistic Director) has served as Artistic Director since 1998. Her more than 30 directing credits at Arena Stage include Anything Goes, Sovereignty, Carousel, The Originalist, Fiddler on the Roof, Camp David, Mother Courage and Her Children, Oklahoma!, A Moon for the Misbegotten, My Fair Lady, The Great White Hope, The Music Man, Legacy of Light, The Women of Brewster Place, Cabaret, South Pacific, All My Sons and How I Learned to Drive. Her directorial work has also been seen Off-Broadway at 59E59 in New York, Canada's Shaw Festival, The Court Theatre, The Old Globe, Asolo Repertory, Berkeley Repertory, Trinity Repertory, Toronto's Tarragon Theatre, Montreal's Centaur Theatre and Perseverance Theater in Juneau, Alaska, which she founded and ran from 1979–1998. Molly has been a leader in new play development for over 40 years. She is a great believer in first, second and third productions of new work and has championed projects including How I Learned to Drive; Passion Play, a cycle; Next to Normal; and Dear Evan Hansen. She led the re-invention of Arena Stage, focusing on the architecture and creation of the Mead Center for American Theater and positioning Arena Stage as a national center for American artists. During her time with the company, Arena Stage has workedshopped more than 100 productions, produced 39 world premieres, staged numerous second and third productions and been an important part of nurturing nine projects that went on to have a life on Broadway. In 2014, Molly made her Broadway debut directing The Velocity of Autumn, following its critically acclaimed run at Arena Stage. She was awarded honorary doctorates from American University and Towson University. In 2018, she was honored as Person of the Year by the National Theatre Conference and inducted into the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame.

EDGAR DOBIE (Executive Producer) Born in Vernon, British Columbia, a village next to the Rocky Mountains (three years after Arena had its first performance in 1950), I am one of five brothers raised by my Dad Edgar, a mechanic and small businessman, and Mom Connie, a telephone operator and union organizer. I am the only Dobie to make a career in theater. Luckily for me, drama was an arts elective I was offered at the tender age of 12 so I hung up my hockey skates and joined the drama class, led by teacher Paddy Malcolm and her fledgling Powerhouse Community Theater after school. By the time I graduated from high school, we volunteers had built ourselves a 200-seat, fully equipped theater on its own piece of land in the center of town and found a sold-out audience for the full season of plays we had on offer. That experience taught me so many lessons about the power of theater to foster collaboration and share meaningful stories, as well as the public values that attach themselves to building a safe place where everyone is welcome. All those lessons served me well as a managing leader and producer both sides of the border and both sides of the commercial and non-profit theater divide. Arriving here in Southwest with my good wife Tracy and our daughter Greta Lee in 2009 makes me feel like I am well-equipped to do a good job for you all.

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