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## HAMILTON CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICIA LECLAIR

December 21, 2023 - Hamilton Children's Choir (HCC) announces the retirement of Patricia LeClair, who has served as the Executive Director since September 2007.

Tricia LeClair has been an integral part of Hamilton Children's Choir for 17 years, leading the organization with unwavering dedication and vision. Under her leadership, Hamilton Children's Choir has achieved numerous milestones and expanded its impact on choral music education and performance.

Throughout her tenure, Tricia LeClair has demonstrated exceptional leadership, fostering a culture of collaboration, innovation, and excellence. She has been instrumental in HCC's growth internationally and within the Hamilton arts community, leaving a lasting legacy that will continue to benefit Hamilton Children's Choir and its stakeholders.

Tricia LeClair will be remembered for her passion for inclusivity, meaningful partnerships within the city of Hamilton, and bold risk-taking for worthy artistic pursuits. Tricia leaves behind a strong foundation for her successor to build upon and the entire organization extends its deepest gratitude for her outstanding service.

Those desiring to honour the remarkable legacy of Ms. LeClair's contributions to HCC are warmly invited to convey their gratitude through a donation in her name. Every dollar contributed will be generously matched by the Incite Foundation for the Arts.

The Board of Directors will initiate a search for Tricia's successor in January 2024, with the intent to announce her new predecessor in April or May 2024.

### About Hamilton Children's Choir

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Hamilton Children's Choir is committed to providing children and youth with rich musical education and performance opportunities, creating a sense of belonging, nurturing personal growth, and ensuring singers experience the benefits of community. Now in its 49th season, HCC has seen nearly



5000 children and youth participate in the Choir. HCC is proud to be one of the most sought-after choirs invited to perform locally, nationally, and internationally.

HCC offers six progressive choral music education programs currently enjoyed by over 200 young singers between the ages of 18 months and 24 years. Under the artistic leadership of Melanie Tellez and her team of superb artistic staff, HCC is dedicated to exploring fresh approaches to choral music that reduce barriers, strengthen the choral art form, and demonstrate that artists come in all shapes, sizes, and ages. HCC is proud to offer a robust Financial Award Program, that ensures that every young singer, regardless of their financial circumstances, can experience the transformative power of music.

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