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THUNDER BAY THEATRE NAMES LUCAS MOQUIN AS NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

ALPENA, Mich., JAN 15, 2020 – The Thunder Bay Theatre Board of Directors is proud to announce the hiring of Lucas Moquin as the organization's Artistic Director. Moquin, a repeat performing artist, choreographer, and most recently an administrative apprentice at Thunder Bay Theatre, will step into his new role as a senior member of the theatre immediately.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce that Lucas Moquin will lead Thunder Bay Theatre as its next artistic director," said Board President Lisa Larkin. "Lucas is a tremendously talented artist, an advocate for inclusivity in the arts, and a beloved member of the Alpena Area theatre community. He knows where TBT has been and has a vision for where the Theatre can go in the future. I very much look forward to TBT's growth under his artistic leadership."



"I am honored and humbled to be leading Thunder Bay Theatre into its next chapter," said Moquin. "I feel very grateful to have been able to share my talents with the community over the past four years and I am very much looking forward to continuing the legacy of Thunder Bay Theatre and bringing my own artistic vision for TBT that builds on the theatre's success and continues to make it a vital, celebrated, and authentic part of people's lives in Northeast Michigan."

Moquin's first task as artistic director will be to coordinate the theatre's 2020 season and begin casting. The Thunder Bay Theatre's 2020 season will include: The children's production of *Pippi Longstocking*, May 7-17, *She Loves Me*, June 17-July 5, *Ring of Fire* in Concert July 15-26, *Chicago*, August 5-23, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* October 1-18, and *Bye Bye Birdie* with the AHS Theatre Troupe November 5-22. Moquin is also working to create a collaborative production of *A Christmas Carol* with the Alpena Civic Theatre, AHS Theatre Troupe, and the ACC Players. In addition to the company's theatrical work, Moquin and TBT will be hosting an array of special events, including the return of the popular acoustic music series, Coffee House Fridays, the Let's Talk Panel Discussion Series, Late Night Cabarets, and more. More information on events and ticketing can be found online at www.thunderbaytheatre.com.



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About Thunder Bay Theatre

TBT is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation, and is the only year-round professional theatre in Northern Michigan. TBT provides a very valuable theatre opportunity to many young people who are actively pursuing a career on stage. It also creates wonderful learning experiences for local performers and volunteers who get a chance to work closely with the resident professional company. In addition to its many stage productions, TBT has drama programs for area youth and develops traveling programs for schools throughout Northeast Michigan.