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**STAGE 773 ANNOUNCES KRISTIN LARSEN
AS THE ORGANIZATION'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Larsen, Remy Bumpo's Executive Director Since 2002, will Start the Position at
Stage 773 Beginning February 2013

CHICAGO – Stage 773 is proud to announce Kristin Larsen as the new executive director of the recently renovated theater complex located at 1225 W. Belmont Ave. Larsen, currently the executive director of Remy Bumpo Theatre Company, a position she has held since 2002, will be moving to the same position with Stage 773 early next year.

"I received a call from Stage 773 in the fall asking me if I'd be interested," said Larsen. The executive director position is new, coming a year after Stage 773 completed its four-theatre complex. Larsen said she "was attracted to the excitement of being in a position to work with a variety of artists and genres, both those produced by Stage 773 and those of visiting companies."

Stage 773 Board President Laura Michaud said "We are quite delighted to welcome Kristin to our staff at Stage 773. We reached out to a number of candidates and found none met our needs as well as Kristin. We feel she is the perfect candidate to help us grow and expand Stage 773 even further. As the primary multi-theater complex of choice for off-loop theatrical and dance performances, we knew we had to pick the right person. Kristin is that person."

As thrilling as she finds the challenge of helping a young theatre company expand its programs, Larsen will miss Remy Bumpo. "The first thing I will miss about Remy Bumpo is its supportive environment, both personal and professional. There has been a consistent love and support that's the underpinning of the organization." Remy Bumpo Artistic Director Nick Sandys called Larsen an important part of Remy Bumpo becoming a prominent mid-sized theatre. "For 11 years together, we've been at the heart of the growth, maturation, and transformation in this company which we love," he explained. "This is a terrific step for Kristin and we are thrilled for her - and also psyched about the next stage in Remy Bumpo's own trajectory."

Adding to the excitement of Larsen joining the Stage 773 team is Artistic Director Brian Posen, "I can't wait for Kristin to join the Stage 773 family. I know, with every fiber in my little body, that this match is perfect and that she will definitely guide us forward to our next step. We have big aspirations for her, and her excitement equals ours. We are counting the days until she joins our sleep-deprived group," said Posen, who is currently preparing for Stage 773's Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival – the largest of its kind in the nation.

Remy Bumpo Board President Genevieve Daniels says she's sad, but "also very pleased about this opportunity for Kristin." Daniels went on to say there are no immediate plans to search for a replacement, "Part of Kristin's legacy is our cohesive and highly functioning staff, which allows us to take our time to evaluate whether we will want to make any long-term changes."

Larsen will be with Remy Bumpo through the January 6 closing of *You Never Can Tell*, the company's best-selling production since *The Importance of Being Earnest* two years ago, then taking a vacation before starting with Stage 773 February 4.

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