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Dear Theatre Community,

After 8 years as the founder and Artistic Director at Chromatic Theatre, I have made the difficult decision to step away from the company at the end of 2022. It is time that Chromatic Theatre transitions away from being a founder-led organization, and discovers the life it can have under new leadership. I am unbelievably excited to think of the next iteration of leadership, and how they will serve the incredible community of racialized folks here in Treaty 7 Territory.

Chromatic Theatre was born out of a desire to create community between racialized artists in the Calgary area. I hoped to build a space for folks to gather, exchange ideas, and build camaraderie amidst an industry that often pits us against one another. I am so proud of how far we've come – and am deeply excited for where we might go next.

This theatre company has provided me with an invaluable opportunity to hone my leadership skills, and I am so proud of how far this little company has come. I truly feel that the organization is in a healthy place, primed for future growth and exciting artistic vision. As I consider my future in Canadian Theatre, I have thought deeply about the lack of leadership opportunities for young artists on the Prairies. Leadership change is healthy, and Chromatic Theatre will be a gift for an early-career leader (or leaders) to hone their skills and put some of their theatre dreams into practice.

Leading Chromatic Theatre has been an honour, and I know that whoever succeeds me will help shape this theatre community for the better – and in ways that I can't even yet begin to imagine.

With love and in solidarity,

Jenna

**A Statement from the Board of Directors**

*The Board of Directors is immensely grateful for Jenna's vision and leadership. Her dedication to creating spaces for racialized artists to uplift one another has had a wide-reaching impact throughout our theatre community. Under her thoughtful guidance, Chromatic Theatre has emerged as a highly-regarded organization, creating work that is poignant, relevant, and deeply necessary in today's zeitgeist. The creation of Chromatic Theatre is a gift and as such, we are approaching this leadership transition with care. The Board of Directors will work alongside*

*Jenna to create a fulsome job posting and conduct a proper search that leaves time and space for a healthy job transition. We know that there are many skillful, enthusiastic, talented artists in our community who would be exceptional options for the future of Chromatic Theatre.*