

# ALBERTA THEATRE PROJECTS

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## **Alberta Theatre Projects launches fundraising initiative for the Darcy Evans Senior Management Apprenticeship**

**CALGARY, Sept. 29, 2021** – Alberta Theatre Projects is kicking off a fundraising campaign to support the newly announced Darcy Evans Senior Management Apprenticeship, a three-month mentorship program for emerging professionals to gain executive experience in the theatre industry. To ensure the apprenticeship is fully sustainable, Alberta Theatre Projects is targeting to raise \$72,000 by October 31 to take advantage of donor matching programs.

“Darcy was an incredible leader who balanced both the artistic and business side of the theatre industry,” said Kyle Russell, Interim Executive Director. He has left a lasting legacy for our organization as both a senior executive and a mentor to countless artists and administrators. We’re thrilled that we can offer the Darcy Evans Senior Management Apprenticeship in his legacy, offering some of our industry’s brightest talent the opportunity to take their career to the next level in a very unique opportunity, which exposes them to that same balance of artistic and business leadership. The funds raised over the next month will ensure this role can be offered in perpetuity.”

This opportunity will be made possible by the Darcy Evans Legacy Fund, which was established following the sudden and tragic loss of Evans in November 2020. The fund was established to provide support and create opportunities for future theatre artists and administrators, inclusive of all disciplines. Evans was paramount to ensuring the long-term sustainability of Alberta Theatre Projects and was dedicated to supporting the next generation of artists.

“Darcy’s passion for theatre was boundless,” said Andrew Scanlon, Evans’ partner. “I am so thrilled that this Legacy Fund has enabled Darcy’s vision, spirit and tireless energy to live on, as it helps create opportunities for growth among a new generation of arts leaders in Calgary. On behalf of Darcy’s entire family, I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the Fund. Your generosity has been overwhelming. I can think of no more fitting and meaningful way to honour Darcy’s memory.”

Working directly with Alberta Theatre Projects’ senior management team, the apprentice will contribute to key strategic decisions within the organization, equipping them for the next step in their career. Further details of the apprenticeship, including application details, will be released in 2022.

All funds raised for the Darcy Evans Legacy Fund will go directly to supporting the Darcy Evans Senior Management Apprentice. To support the fund or for more information, please visit <https://albertatheatreprojects.com/darcy-evans-legacy-fund>

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**About Alberta Theatre Projects:**

We create world-class contemporary theatre in Calgary from our home in the Martha Cohen Theatre. We are a national leader in new play development. Programming is selected from the finest Canadian and international plays driven by the collision of diverging ideas, points of view, class, gender or cultural perspectives. Our productions radically explore our space, blurring the line between the audience and the artist through multiple seating configurations each season.

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