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The Del Shores Foundation Appoints Allison Bergman as Executive Director

Los Angeles, CA April 9th, 2021—*The Del Shores Foundation* has appointed veteran stage and film director Allison Bergman to serve as Executive Director. The organization’s inaugural year of programming includes a script competition and live festival. Ms. Bergman, a vocal champion for new works and new voices, is thrilled to join the foundation in fulfilling its mission to find and facilitate the development of new Southern queer artistic voices.

“We are thrilled to have someone of Allison’s vast experience and passion taking the helm of our foundation,” said Del Shores, Founder and Board Member. “Allison’s personal and professional background promise to steer the organization and the writers we help cultivate to new heights of success.”

“There are many roadblocks preventing LGBTQ+ budding writers in the South from excelling, and most importantly, writing from their authentic experiences,” added Bergman. “By providing recognition, guidance, monetary support, and exposure, The Del Shores Foundation will open those pathways and offer opportunities for successful writing careers in theatre, film and television.”

Ms. Bergman is affiliated with multiple arts organizations developing new works, including Play Café, Moving Arts, Unbound Productions, and Bay Area Playwrights Foundation. Previously, she served as Assistant Director of Theatre for North Carolina State University and Artistic Director of Broadway on Sunset. Ms. Bergman has directed over 40 stage productions on both coasts. Her latest film received several international awards including the 2020 Accolade Global Award of Merit. A highly sought-after dramaturg, Bergman has helped notable writers and producers develop new scripts and adapt popular movies for Broadway and international production. Her book *Acting the Song* is widely used in theatre training programs as a textbook and a teacher’s guide. She is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University, Boston University and LACC Theatre Academy.

The Del Shores Foundation’s mission is to find and facilitate the development of new southern queer artistic voices through bringing together artists and working professionals, amplifying new work and connecting artists to platforms for the creation of the work.

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