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Renaissance Theaterworks Welcomes New Marketing Manager

Longtime freelance collaborator officially becomes a Renaissance Woman

February 13, 2023- Renaissance Theaterworks (RTW) “theater by women, for everyone” is excited to announce that Emmy-nominated producer Maria Pretzl has joined their team as the company’s new Marketing Manager.

Pretzl earned her BFA in Film Production and BA in Theatre Studies from UW-Milwaukee in 2014. She is most well known in the theater community for being half of the video company, Traveling Lemur Productions LLC, that she co-founded with her partner, Nate Schardin, in 2015. As part of the Traveling Lemur Productions team, Pretzl has worked with theater companies and arts organizations all over Milwaukee, including RTW, Skylight Music Theater, Milwaukee Comedy and First Stage. It was their work on First Stage’s 2020 Holiday Show, CHRISTMASTOWN COMES TO FIRST STAGE that garnered Traveling Lemur Production’s first regional-Emmy nomination.

Recently hired Marketing Director, Sarah Hwang commented, “Maria has been a dream to work with in her role with Traveling Lemur productions. When she applied for the job and presented her unique marketing ideas, hiring her to join our team was a no-brainer.”

“We are so excited to work with Maria in a deeper capacity. Welcome to the Renaissance family, Maria!” said Lisa Rasmussen, Managing Director.

RTW audiences may be familiar with Pretzl’s work beyond Traveling Lemur Productions. Pretzl’s short play *Juniper Flies*, was part of Renaissance Theaterworks’ 2018 Brink Briefs program and the Best of Brink Briefs mainstage performance, kicking off RTW’s new residency at 255 South Water Street in 2021. She also directed *Holiday Cards* for RTW’s Brink Briefs in 2019.

Other credits include writing and directing the award winning short film SUPER DAD! (available to watch on [Vimeo](#)), *Coriolana* (Director, Cooperative Performance), *Roommates* (Playwright, Cooperative Performance) and *She Kills Monsters* (Director, Village Playhouse). She also published *Fancy People like Fondue* as part of *Rogue’s Gallery* with Stage Partners in 2022.

Before coming to RTW, Pretzl served as Interim Network Director and First Draft Coordinator at Chicago Dramatists. She also spent almost 8 years wowing audiences with the night sky at the Milwaukee Public Museum as a Planetarium Educator.

“I’ve been a fan of RTW for years, even before I’ve had the privilege to work with them.” says Pretzl, “I’m super excited to join the team and continue making great theater!”

Pretzl lives with Schardin and their very opinionated cat, T'Challa. And for those of you who have made it to the end of this press release and are still wondering, yes, Pretzl is pronounced like the food.

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