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THEATRE BY THE BAY RECEIVES METCALF FOUNDATION GRANT

Local artist Sabrina Merks will be the Metcalf Foundation Intern for the 2023 season

BARRIE, ON. Theatre by the Bay is one of the recipients of the Metcalf Foundation Performing Arts Internship Grant in the Winter 2023 cycle. The funding from this grant will be used to hire local artist and educator Sabrina Merks as the company's Metcalf Foundation Intern.

Working under the direction of Artistic Director Iain Moggach, Sabrina will work full-time with the company on the creative and administrative duties of the company, including serving as an Associate Producer for the upcoming 2023 season. They will play a key role in supporting educational programs and marketing initiatives while providing support to the dozens of hired artists this year.

"I could not be more excited for Sabrina, and our community," says Iain Moggach. "In just the span of a few years, Sabrina has worked with almost every company in the region and I look forward to seeing how much they grow over the coming year. I have no doubt they will help to shape the future of the performing arts in our region."

The Metcalf Foundation's Performing Arts Internship strengthens the performing arts through paid internships. The grant provides opportunities for artists to work in their respective fields while gaining new skills from established mentors in the performing arts sector.

Sabrina will begin their role with the Theatre by the Bay on February 1, 2023. For more information and interviews, please contact Khaleel Gandhi.

ABOUT SABRINA

Sabrina (they/them) is a theatre artist and educator from Barrie, Ontario, with four years of experience in the Canadian arts industry as a performer, director, and choreographer. They are a graduate of St. Lawrence College's Musical Theatre Performance Program and most recently graduated this fall from Queen's University with a B.A. in Music Theatre. Sabrina focuses on creating pieces that attempt to push the boundaries of what traditional theatre is, and creates an opportunity for audience members to feel brave and empowered. Sabrina continues to be interested in producing shows and developing educational programming for future artists.

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