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### AUSTRALIAN DANCE THEATRE ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Australian Dance Theatre (ADT) is delighted to announce the appointment of Eira Swaine to the role of Executive Director.

Ms Swaine brings a wealth of experience to the role, having commenced at ADT in 2015 in a voluntary capacity, before assuming more permanent responsibilities across programming, fundraising and on to producing during her progression to this senior position.

“Working across the many facets of this vibrant, national dance company has allowed me to see ADT from every angle and that experience has given me a real understanding of the importance of engaging with our incredible team here at ADT, the local, national and international performing arts sector, our valued corporate partners, and, of course our wonderful audiences,” said Ms Swaine.

“ADT has a remarkable history and, in recent times, has really reached new heights with the move to the redeveloped The Odeon, the establishment of the ADT International Centre for Choreography and, most recently, the inaugural Adelaide Dance Festival.

“Looking ahead, the calendar is already filling with some amazing opportunities in Adelaide, around Australia and globally, so it’s an honour and privilege to represent ADT as Executive Director alongside our Artistic Director, Garry Stewart.”

ADT Chair, Kim Boehm, congratulated Ms Swaine on her elevation to the top role, saying she is perfectly placed to position the company for the future.

“ADT was simply thrilled that Eira accepted the position of Executive Director, there really was no better candidate and her expertise and knowledge means ADT is in a very safe pair of hands, it’s an exciting time!” said Mr. Boehm.

ADT will commence initial rehearsals of its new work “*North*” in September as part of a collaboration with celebrated Norwegian choreographer Ina Christel Johannessen, before embarking on an eight-week European tour of “*The Beginning of Nature*”, followed by a unique performance partnership with global cruise ship, Cunard, in March 2019.

Ms. Swaine, who replaces Mr Shaun Comerford, will assume the responsibilities of Executive Director from 17 September.

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