

Portland Ovations Hires
Anna Marie Klein-Christie
as Director of Development

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Portland, ME – Portland Ovations is proud to announce that they have hired Anna Marie Klein-Christie as their new Director of Development. Heading into year two of an ambitious new, five-year strategic plan, titled *Ovations 2020* – the 85 year-old performing arts organization is expanding their development department with Anna Marie Klein-Christie leading a team that consists of both a Membership Director and a Grants Manager.

Anna Marie Klein-Christie comes to Portland Ovations after a highly successful career as the Executive Director of Rippleeffect, a local youth development organization, where she dramatically expanded the budget, built programming and engaged the community through expanded school-based programming. Under her leadership, Rippleeffect was selected as a beneficiary to the TD Charitable Foundation’s Beach to Beacon Road Race and carried out a landmark fundraising success of Rappel for Rippleeffect, where members of the community raise money by rappelling off of One City Center. Her commitment to the greater Portland community was also proven in her role as Director of Development at Day One, a youth substance abuse recovery program in Maine, in the purchase of a Transition Home and selection as “Agency of Distinction” by Channel 6.

In addition to her valuable experience in Portland, she has worked in advertising and marketing companies based in Chicago, Paris and Prague.

“Thanks to a rich history of supporters, volunteers and staff, Portland Ovation has played a key role in the cultural heritage of this community. As Director of Development, I seek to ensure that funds are not a barrier to this continued success.”

Ovation Executive Director Aimée M. Petrin declares, “We are thrilled to have Anna join our team. Her background in fund development and non-profit management is a huge asset to Ovation. Her dedication to sharing the magic of Portland Ovation with the widest audience possible is perfectly in sync with our vision and values. Anna is a perfect example of the creative and skilled professionals committed to making Portland a great place to work, live and play.”

About Portland Ovation:

Each year since 1931, Portland Ovation brings a dynamic season of exceptional performing artists from around the world to Maine including classical music, jazz, dance, theater, and Broadway national tours. In addition to live performances, Ovation brings the exhilaration of the performing arts out into our community with season-long educational and outreach activities known as Ovation Offstage. A Maine-based non-profit, Portland Ovation contributes to the cultural, social and economic well-being of our community by presenting an array of high quality performing artists from around the world and creating diverse educational experiences that bring the enjoyment, energy and enrichment of the arts to all.

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Now is the time to become a Portland Ovation Member! Our Membership program offers a range of benefits plus greater flexibility in meeting your ticket-buying needs. As a Portland Ovation Member, you can get the best seats at the best prices for all your favorite performances, all while supporting the vital work of Portland Ovation in our community.

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