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GAMM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR

WARWICK, RI (March 31, 2023) –**The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre** (The Gamm), announced today that **Managing Director Amy Gravell** will be leaving the organization after almost 4 years and three seasons effective this June. Gravell will continue to lead the theater’s operations until that time, after which she will assume her new role as **president of St. Mary Academy - Bay View** in Riverside, R.I. Gravell is a proud alumna of the all-female, independent Catholic school serving pre-school through grade 12.

“Amy took on her role at The Gamm just before the onset of the pandemic. Her steady leadership helped the theater survive an extremely difficult time. For that we are most grateful,” said **Daniel Marwil, Gamm Theatre board president**. “She will be missed, but we wish her all the best in her new endeavor.”

Gamm Artistic Director Tony Estrella echoed Marwil saying, “While we are incredibly sad to see Amy move on, we are so happy for her as she embraces a new and exciting challenge. I personally will be forever grateful for her efforts in steering us through the many challenges of the past three seasons. COVID came calling shortly after she started and we couldn’t have navigated the treacherous waters without her. Bay View is so lucky to have her many talents, her incredible warmth, and effortless generosity leading them into the future.”

Gravell joined The Gamm in November 2019 and spearheaded crisis management through the COVID-19 shutdown the following March, as well as the theater’s reopening in September 2021. While producing almost three seasons of plays, she expanded in-school and out-of-school programming for youth through increased partnerships, and the addition of elementary and middle school camps to create K-12 offerings. She also led the launch of the Gamm Fellowship Program for emerging artists of color in partnership with Rhode Island’s three public institutions of higher education (University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, Community College of Rhode Island). During her tenure, Gravell increased philanthropic support, expanded revenue streams, and diversified program offerings to advance the theater’s reputation as a major regional arts destination.

“Serving as The Gamm’s managing director has been an incredible honor. I am so grateful for the opportunity to work alongside the most talented and dedicated group of professionals I could have imagined. Over the last three-plus years, we have weathered some very difficult storms together and, through it all, I am proud that we have also produced the finest and most resonant theater,” Gravell said, adding, “I depart as The Gamm’s biggest fan, and cannot wait to return as a patron for Season 39.”

Before joining The Gamm, Gravell was associate executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket, where she worked for 14 years. She also serves as a certified CliftonStrengths coach for Leadership Rhode Island.

The Gamm Board of Directors will initiate a search for a new managing director, led by **Vice President Miriam Weizenbaum**.

ABOUT THE GAMM THEATRE

Founded in 1984, the non-profit Gamm Theatre is proud to tell stories that entertain, provoke, and engage seriously with the most important issues of our time. The Gamm further serves the public with educational programming that enriches the cultural and civic life of our community. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Tony Estrella and Managing Director Amy Gravell, The Gamm is a regionally recognized, award-winning theater and a proud member of New England Area Theatre (NEAT), a bargaining unit of the Actors’ Equity Association.

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