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METROPOLIS WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHARLIE BECK

Arlington Heights, Ill., December 14, 2011 – Metropolis Performing Arts Centre is proud to welcome their new Executive Director Charlie Beck.

Charlie Beck, a lifelong actor and arts supporter, joined the team at Metropolis as the new Executive Director in November. He is a long time resident of the Arlington Heights area and has been a fan of Metropolis since it opened in 2000.

Beck's business background began in the pharmaceutical industry in sales and marketing roles. He later opened his own consulting firm which provided marketing programs for many of the top 10 U.S. drug companies. In the late 1990s, Beck decided to sell his consulting firm to return to his true passion – acting. Over the next 10 years, he appeared in more than 30 professional stage productions in the Chicagoland area, including roles at Metropolis, as well as roles in feature films and TV spots. It's this strong combination of business experience and a passion for the arts that led Beck to Metropolis.

“As a native of the northwest suburbs and a former actor on the Metropolis stage, taking this job has been a homecoming for me,” notes Beck. “I am excited about the future of Metropolis and look forward to building strong relationships with all of our patrons, donors, students, actors, and everyone else who comes through our doors.”

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Metropolis is located in the heart of Chicago's northwest suburbs in downtown Arlington Heights at the intersection of Campbell and Vail Avenue (111 West Campbell Street). Street parking is available. Free parking is available in the public garage behind the theatre. For more information about Metropolis and a complete 2011/2012 performance schedule, visit MetropolisArts.com or call the Box Office at 847.577.2121.

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