

# LINKS HALL



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## **Links Hall finds its new Director!** **Roell Schmidt takes the helm July 20, 2009.**

**Chicago, IL** – Links Hall is pleased to announce that Roell Schmidt has been appointed its new Director. Ms. Schmidt has been working in film, theater and arts administration since 1994. In addition to her organizational leadership experience, Ms. Schmidt has an impressive background as a producer in film and theater, with talents ranging from the administrative to the creative. Ms. Schmidt officially takes the helm July 20, 2009. Please join us in welcoming Roell Schmidt to Links Hall and our extended community of artists and arts enthusiasts!



"My experience as an audience member at Links Hall has been one inspiring discovery after another. It is a terrific honor to be asked to champion the risk-taking and originality that Links Hall has been nurturing for the past 30 years. I can't wait to begin!" says Ms. Schmidt.

Ms. Schmidt has directed the development, marketing, and/or artistic administration departments at **Lookingglass Theatre Company** and **The Chicago Chamber Musicians**, and worked in production at the Athenaeum Theatre and on independent films throughout Chicago. She is a playwright and multi-media producer, has received three CAAP grants and was awarded a Ragdale Artist Residency in 2008.

As the Director of Marketing for The Chicago Chamber Musicians, Ms. Schmidt played an important role in Audience Development and spearheaded innovative use of new electronic media. Ms. Schmidt acted as Director of Artistic Administration and Director of Development at Lookingglass Theatre Company during a period of rapid growth for the company. She led ground-breaking programming, increased audience attendance and was at the forefront of the Capital Campaign responsible for Lookingglass Theatre Company's move to Water Tower Water Works. Ms. Schmidt helped to create a strong model for the company, allowing the professional growth of the organization as a whole to mirror the expansion and artistic development of the theatre company.

"We welcome Roell with great enthusiasm. Links Hall is poised for a period of renewed growth and refreshed artistic vision. We are energized by this moment of change and opportunity." - Ginger Farley, Links Hall Interim Board Chair.

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**Links Hall encourages artistic innovation and public engagement by maintaining a facility and providing flexible programming for the research, development and presentation of new work in the performing arts.**  
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