



PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Young Audiences of Minnesota Announces New Executive Director

Young Audiences of Minnesota is pleased to announce the promotion of **Nadine Sehnert**, our Program Director, to our Executive Director. Nadine replaces Tia Simons who has moved on to the Board of Directors and out of the role of Executive Director.

Nadine most recently served as YAMN Program Director. In that role since July 2004, she worked to create new partnership programs, such as *Read, Explore, Create* with Milkweed Editions as well as creating new programming opportunities at schools, libraries and other community organizations.

Prior to joining Young Audiences of Minnesota, Nadine had worked for 13 years with General Mills, Inc. in both the Information Systems and Finance departments. She also has experience in volunteer management and as a teaching artist.

Nadine holds a BA in Theatre from the University of Minnesota and has worked as an actor in the Twin Cities at Theatre in the Round, the Brave New Workshop and the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. She also toured the United States with Small Change Original Theatre (now National Theatre for Children).

“Both the Board of Directors and I are thrilled that Nadine has accepted the position of Executive Director,” said YAMN Board President, Karen Kracher. “She brings strong leadership skills with an unmatched passion for the arts and excellence. Our organization will continue on its path of strength and quality under Nadine’s guidance.”

Young Audiences of Minnesota is in its 43rd year of providing arts-in-education programs for students, families and communities in Minnesota and western Wisconsin, and is a chapter of Young Audiences, Inc., a nationally recognized arts-education provider. **Young Audiences of Minnesota** offers performances, workshops and residencies, professional development sessions, and a unique traveling art exhibit program *Real Art + Real Kids*®. Young Audiences staff and artists work with educators and community program coordinators to provide authentic arts learning experiences to meet the specific needs of their students.

For more information on Young Audiences of Minnesota programming, visit our Web site www.youngaudiencesofmn.org or call 651-292-3399.
