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**Paula Bruice  
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New Vic  
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**RE: Managing Director Position**

Dear Ms. Bruice,

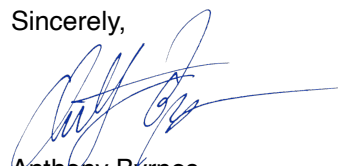
I am pleased to submit an application for the Managing Director position at the Ensemble Theater Company.

For the past two decades, I have dedicated myself to the creation and support of new artists, new work, new spaces, and new audiences for the American theatre. I have pursued this vision in a variety of roles: as Associate Producer of New Play Development for Center Theatre Group, I supported the development of over 100 new works for the theatre and oversaw the restoration of the landmark building that became the Kirk Douglas Theatre; as Producer and General Manager for the Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles, I was responsible for all business, development, and production activities for the \$1.6 million theater and created a new outdoor venue for the company; as an independent creative producer, director, and arts administrator, I have fostered the work of new playwrights, directors and institutions; as theatre critic for local NPR affiliate, KCRW, I have tried to provide context and criticism while generating a broader audience for the theatre in Los Angeles. In all of these capacities, I have committed myself to changing the landscape of theatre in Los Angeles while connecting with the field nationally and internationally.

The idea of bringing that experience and passion to Santa Barbara, a city that holds a special place in my heart, would be something of a dream. Santa Barbara is where I first landed in California, it's where my wife and I were married, and where, as an odd quirk of loyalty, I still get my haircut. I've watched from afar with great curiosity the renovation and opening of the New Vic, your adventurous yet accessible seasons, and your long standing commitment to professional theater in Santa Barbara. I would relish the opportunity to join your theater and community and consider it an honor to help insure its success and sustainability as it approaches such a significant anniversary.

Should you find my qualifications compelling, I would welcome a conversation about making that dream a reality. If you need any further information or have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Anthony Byrnes