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## 2017 ROZSA AWARD SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED

### Celebrating Excellence in Arts Management

[September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017] The Rozsa Foundation is pleased to announce our shortlist for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Rozsa Award. Congratulations to **David Chantler**, Founder and Producing Director of Trickster Theatre, **Carol Holmes**, Executive Director of the Writers' Guild of Alberta, and **JP Thibodeau**, Managing Artistic Director of StoryBook Theatre.

Selected by the Rozsa Award Jury out of several exemplary nominations from across the province, these candidates are distinct in their transformational leadership, moving their organizations forward through innovation and outstanding executive management.

#### **David Chantler**

At the helm for Trickster's 37 years in operation, David Chantler's astute and creative approach has constantly kept Trickster programming current and relevant. He and his team provide programs that respond to specific environmental and social issues, which have allowed Trickster to grow as a company, carve out a unique artistic space, attract top tier artists, and prove financially viable.

#### **Carol Holmes**

Carol Holmes has transformed the Writers' Guild of Alberta into a provincial organization that serves and connects its members through creative and productive online programs and in-person events. It offers writers across the province an effective platform to develop their skills, and to demonstrate and draw attention to the vibrancy and relevancy of the literary arts for all Albertans and other Canadians to enjoy and nurture.

#### **JP Thibodeau**

As an active participant on and off stage, JP Thibodeau has transitioned StoryBook Theatre into a semi-professional theatre company that values its artists and patrons equally. He is committed to creating new works and increasing the quality of StoryBook Theatre performances, and to developing meaningful opportunities that are available for artists, students, mentors, volunteers, and patrons of all ages.

### ABOUT THE AWARD

Created in 2002 to honour the philanthropic efforts of Drs Ted and Lola Rozsa, the **Rozsa Award for Excellence in Arts Management** is unique in Canada, celebrating outstanding arts administrators and providing additional professional development benefits to the recipient and his or her organization.

Thanks to our generous partners including Alberta School of Business at the University of Alberta, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, CKUA Radio Network, Deloitte, Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary, Ross W Marsh Consulting, Structured Abstraction, Transcend Management Advisors Inc and Vital Business Systems, as well as other valued partners over the past 14 years, the Foundation has distributed **over one million dollars in benefits** to our award recipients and their organizations across Alberta.

The Rozsa Award Ceremony will be **October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Event details TBA.

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