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IMPERIAL THEATRE SEARCHING FOR NEW GENERAL MANAGER Peter D. Smith Stepping Down After Successful 14-Year Run

SAINT JOHN, NB – January 18, 2012 – One of the city’s best-known performing arts personalities is stepping down. Peter D. Smith, general manager of the Imperial Theatre, is resigning to pursue other interests. He informed the Imperial Theatre’s board of directors of his decision in December. The theatre has now launched a search for Smith’s successor.

“We are going to miss Peter terribly,” said Jamie Whittaker, president of the Imperial’s board of directors. “He has an exceptional level of experience and expertise in the performing arts management industry that is known and respected across the continent.”

The Imperial Theatre board has established a search committee and hopes to begin interviews in March.

“Fortunately for the theatre, Peter has agreed to remain as general manager until his successor has been hired, as well as through a transition period,” said Whittaker. “In the coming months, we look forward to announcing details of a celebration in honour of Peter’s outstanding contribution to the theatre and our community.”

Smith is just the Imperial’s second general manager since the Theatre’s grand re-opening in 1994. He assumed the role in 1998. The theatre has several full- and part-time employees, many dedicated volunteers and is in use over 200 days per year. It is considered one of Canada’s busiest performing arts venues.

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