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Feb 3, 2025 (Edmonton, AB) – Concrete Theatre's Board of Directors is delighted to announce that Caroline Howarth and Mieko Ouchi have each been granted the title of Artistic Director Emeritus, a change from their current roles as Artistic Associates.

The Artistic Director Emeritus is a legacy position, which was created to celebrate the contributions of two of the esteemed founders of Concrete Theatre. "Mieko and Caroline have worked tirelessly these past 35 years to ensure the stability and longevity of Concrete Theatre", says General Manager Patrick Beagan. "We are so fortunate that they continue to contribute to the organization in meaningful ways, and are very happy to honour them with this title".

"So much of our organizational history lies with these two exceptional artists," adds Artistic Director, Jenna Rodgers, "and this exciting title change both honours their work and provides an opportunity for the future of the Artistic Associate role".

Caroline Howarth reflects, "I am honoured by this recognition. I am excited to support the growth and evolution of Concrete Theatre under the leadership of Jenna and Patrick". Mieko Ouchi adds, "I am immensely moved by this recognition. It has been my life's work to see Concrete grow and thrive and I look forward to supporting Jenna and Patrick as they take the company into the future".

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