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JERMAINE MURRY
JOINS MILWAUKEE REPERTORY THEATER LEADERSHIP TEAM
AS CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER

*Former Loaned Executive Chief Diversity Officer
Tammy Belton-Davis elected to Board of Trustees*

April 28, 2022 (Milwaukee, WI) - Artistic Director **Mark Clements** and Executive Director **Chad Bauman** are thrilled to welcome **Jermaine Murry** to [Milwaukee Repertory Theater](https://www.milwaukeeep.com) as Chief Diversity Officer focusing on equity, diversity and inclusion (ED&I) strategies, engagement and communications. Mr. Murry will work directly with executive leadership, board of trustees and our vast network of community partners to continue to implement the theater's ED&I plan, serve as an internal expert and coach on ED&I matters, and collaborate with ED&I efforts regionwide. Former Loaned Executive Chief Diversity Officer Tammy Belton-Davis has been elected to serve on Milwaukee Rep's Board of Trustees and will continue to champion our ED&I efforts as a trustee leader.

In October 2019, Milwaukee Rep's Board of Trustees unanimously adopted a new, five-year strategic plan, which centers equity, diversity and inclusion as one of the theater's top priorities. Soon thereafter, trustees authorized funding to engage The Kaleidoscope Group, a national ED&I consulting firm to develop our ED&I strategy. Tammy Belton-Davis, founder of Athena Communications joined the leadership team in 2020 as a loaned executive and Milwaukee Rep's first Chief Diversity Officer, accelerating our internal ED&I skillset. Over the past two years Ms. Belton-Davis along with leadership, board and staff implemented [REP Forward](#) in July 2021 with the focus of using ED&I principles to target Milwaukee Rep's Workforce, Workplace and Community. Ms. Belton-Davis was instrumental in transitioning the theater to a more permanent staffing structure with Mr. Murry.

"Jermaine brings a lot of positive energy, coaching experience and a passion to drive our ED&I goals forward," said Executive Director **Chad Bauman**. "Working along with our board, community partners, and staff, we look forward to continuing on our important journey to center equity, diversity and inclusion in all of our work as we carry on our proud legacy in this work and ensure our theaters are a place that are welcoming and inspirational to all."

"Everyone has a responsibility to promote a culture of inclusion and excellence," said **Jermaine Murry**. "Building and maintaining a diverse and equitable workforce comprised of different beliefs and people, is what will make Milwaukee Repertory Theater a welcoming organization for generations to come."

For more information on Milwaukee Repertory Theater's Equity, Diversity & Inclusion work, please visit www.MilwaukeeRep.com/EDI.

Biography:

Jermaine Murry, MS, (He/ Him/His) joins Milwaukee Repertory Theater as Chief Diversity Officer. A native of Milwaukee, WI, Jermaine earned his BBA in Human Resources at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Additionally, he completed his MS- Management and MS- Sports Management at Cardinal Stritch University. As Chief Diversity Officer, Jermaine will work to advance Milwaukee Repertory Theater's strategic plan, while keeping the organization's mission at the forefront. He will also continue to foster and implement equity, diversity, and inclusion best practices both internally and externally. In his spare time, Jermaine enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, mentoring, and coaching football.

About Milwaukee Repertory Theater

Milwaukee Rep is the largest performing arts organization in Wisconsin with three unique performance venues in the Patty & Jay Baker Theater Complex– the Quadracci Powerhouse, Stiemke Studio and Stackner Cabaret. For over six decades, Milwaukee Rep has been a centerpiece of Milwaukee's vibrant arts and cultural scene with productions ranging from Broadway musicals to Shakespeare to American Classics and New Works that are entertaining, inclusive and impactful. Under the leadership of **Artistic Director Mark Clements** and **Executive Director Chad Bauman**, Milwaukee Repertory Theater ignites positive change in the cultural, social, and economic vitality of its community by creating world-class theater experiences that entertain, provoke, and inspire meaningful dialogue among an audience representative of Milwaukee's rich diversity.

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