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## **DirectorsLabChicago announces new Artistic Director**

*Elizabeth Margolius hands the reins to Wm. Bullion*

**CHICAGO, IL, February 23, 2017** - DirectorsLabChicago (DLC) Artistic Director and co-founder Elizabeth Margolius has announced her decision to no longer lead the Chicago-based artist service organization, effective immediately. She and the board have chosen DLC staffer and long-time local theater director Wm. Bullion as her replacement. Margolius will remain a part of the Lab's steering committee and Board of Directors for at least a year, lending her support and expertise as the group restructures for the future.

Margolius, a noted Chicago director of theater and opera, founded DLC in 2005 with fellow director Karin Shook after the two met while attending the Lincoln Center Theater Directors Lab in New York.

"It has been an incredible 12 years," says Margolius, "but I must now focus my efforts on other creative endeavors in both Chicago and New York, and let the new leadership grow the Lab from here."

Bullion and the steering committee are hard at work to ensure a smooth transition into this next chapter. Already in the works are DLC's annual week-long Lab and several workshops, seminars and master classes throughout the year.

"The mission of DirectorsLabChicago is near and dear to my heart," says Bullion. "I'm looking forward to providing quality experiences and resources for all levels of the Chicago directing community, and to continuing the work of building DLC into a high-profile, sustainable organization."

DirectorsLabChicago offers environments in which emerging and established stage directors from Chicago and around the world are able to consider, challenge, and engage in both the traditional and contemporary aspects of their craft while creating opportunities for educating the public in the art of stage direction.

Learn more about DLC at [www.directorslabchicago.com](http://www.directorslabchicago.com) and [www.facebook.com/DirectorsLabChicago](https://www.facebook.com/DirectorsLabChicago).

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