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## **4th Line Theatre announces 2021 virtual Friday Morning Business Breakfast Talks**

**Millbrook, ON** ... 4th Line Theatre will continue to engage the community, from the comfort of their own home, through online programming this winter. Today 4th Line announces the latest guests in the series, *Friday Morning Business Breakfast Talks with Kim Blackwell*.

Beginning on Friday, February 5th Blackwell will sit down with **Anne-Marie Kee**, Head of Lakefield College School and Foundation and then on Friday, February 12th with **Dr. Leo Groarke**, President of Trent University. Both talks begin at 8:00 AM and run for one hour including Q & A sessions where guests will answer the questions submitted by virtual attendees.

The public is invited to join Blackwell as she sits down with local leaders in the community to talk about day to day challenges and opportunities of their organizations, and what led them on their chosen career paths.

“These sessions will be an excellent opportunity to get to know local business leaders and the inner working of their sectors,” says Blackwell “I hope you can join me.”

Sponsored by Nexicom, who have always been an advocate of the importance of community connectivity, the event series is being offered free of charge. Each event is limited to 100 live attendees, on a first-come, first-serve basis. The live stream events will be hosted on the Zoom video platform.

Visit the following link to register to each of the live-streamed virtual events. You will receive an email prior to the event with a link to the live stream webinar via the Zoom video platform.

February 5th, 2021 at 8:00 AM – Kim Blackwell in Conversation with Anne-Marie Kee

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/138287456505>

February 12th, 2021 at 8:00 AM—Kim Blackwell in Conversation with Dr. Leo Groarke

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/138288218785>

Each event will also be available live and afterwards on 4th Line Theatre’s YouTube channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/user/4thlinetheatreVIDEO/videos>

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4th Line Theatre’s box office and administrative phone line is open. Call the box office at 705-932-4445 or toll free at 800-814-0055 for ticketing inquiries and event information.

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## **BIOGRAPHIES**

### **Kim Blackwell, Managing Artistic Director; host of *Kim Blackwell In Conversation With... Series***

Kim Blackwell is 4th Line Theatre's Managing Artistic Director and is a veteran 4th Line director/producer – 2021 marks her 27th season with 4th Line Theatre where she has directed 25 productions including 13 world premieres. Selected credits include: Artistic Director (2014 - Present), Artistic Producer (2009 – 2014), Artistic Associate (2001-2009), directing: *Bedtime Stories and Other Horrifying Tales* (2020); *The Fool of Cavan: A Christmas Caper*, *Bloom: A Rock 'n' Roll Fable* (2019), *The Other: A Strange Christmas Tale* (2018), *The Shadow Walk of Millbrook* (2016, 2018), *Who Killed Snow White?* (2018), *The Hero of Hunter Street* (2016), *The Bad Luck Bank Robbers* (2015, 2016), *The Real McCoy* (2013), *Queen Marie*, *St. Francis of Millbrook* (2012), *The Berlin Blues* (2011), *The Right Road to Pontypool* (2009, 2010), *Schoolhouse* (2007, 2008), *The Art of Silent Killing*, *That Summer*, *Crow Hill*, *The Cavan Blazers*, *Attrition*, *Gimme That Prime Time Religion* and many development workshops. She directed plays across Canada and the US. Her play *A Daughter* had its world premiere in 2020 as a part of the Open Spaces Theatre Festival and has been selected to be a part of the International Rural Women's Studies Conference hosted by University of Guelph in 2021.

### **Leo Groarke, President of Trent University**

Dr. Leo Groarke was born in London, England. His family immigrated to Canada when he was three and he grew up in Western Canada, on a reserve close to Fort St. John; then in Edmonton; and in Calgary. He was installed as the eighth President and Vice-Chancellor of Trent University in 2014 and was reappointed for a second term in 2019. During his presidency, Dr. Groarke has fortified the University's budget, overseeing the University's coming of age in its 50th anniversary year and leading it to six consecutive years of enrolment growth, balanced budgets and a ground breaking inaugural debenture and A bond rating. An accomplished philosopher and a recognized leader in post-secondary education, Dr. Groarke holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Western Ontario. He has studied at the University of Helsinki and Simon Fraser University and received his B.A. Honours and M.A. in Philosophy from the University of Calgary.

### **Anne-Marie Kee, Head of School at Lakefield College School**

Anne-Marie Kee holds a BA, B.Ed. and an M.Ed. from Queen's University, attended the Independent Schools Institute at Harvard in 2008, and obtained the Chartered Director (C.Dir.) designation from The Directors College (a joint venture of McMaster University and The Conference Board of Canada) in 2012. She joined the Lakefield College School community in August 2017 as Head of School and Foundation and is the 12th Head of School in its 141-year history. Prior to coming to LCS, Anne-Marie was the Executive Director at the Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS) for 11 years, an association of 95 schools that are passionate about learning and leading. She was responsible for strategies designed to support continuous school improvement and led a passionate team and hundreds of volunteers in support of research, professional development and accreditation programs that reinforce the vision of CAIS, to shape the future of education. Anne-Marie currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Enrolment Management Association. Previously, she has served on the Board of The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS), as President of the Independent Schools Association Network (ISAnet) and on the Executive of the NAIS International Commission on Accreditation. She is a Founding Board Member of the eLearning Consortium of Canada (ELCC).

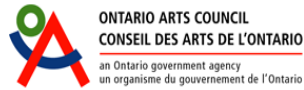
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### [Attached Photos:](#)

- [1. Kim Blackwell, 4th Line Theatre's Managing Artistic Director, host of \*Kim Blackwell In Conversation With... Series\*](#)
- [2. Anne-Marie Kee, Head of School and Foundation—Lakefield College School](#)
- [3. Leo Groarke, President—Trent University](#)

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