



## NEWS RELEASE

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# NEW HIRE AND STAFF PROMOTION BOLSTER CLEVELAND PLAY HOUSE ARTISTIC STAFF

**CLEVELAND, OH (September 12, 2013)** – Cleveland Play House Interim Artistic Director Laura Kepley is pleased to announce recent appointments and promotions at the nation’s first professional regional theatre.

“I am delighted to announce that Rachel Lerner-Ley will be joining us for the 2013-14 Season as Artistic Associate,” says Kepley, “Rachel is an extremely bright dramaturg and educator with a depth of experience in new work development. Her focus will be season planning, literary operations, and audience enrichment.” Prior to her appointment Lerner-Ley worked in New York City as a freelance dramaturg and educator working with such companies as The Civilians and Girl Be Heard (a company devoted to empowering girls and women aged 9-22). Lerner-Ley has also worked in the artistic departments of Actors Theatre of Louisville and Williamstown Theatre Festival. She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Smith College and has participated in artist residencies at Georgetown, Princeton, and Connecticut College.

We are also excited to announce the promotion of Corey Atkins to the role of Associate Producer. “In his two years at CPH, Corey has done terrific work building our engagement programming which he will continue to produce,” says Kepley, “Engagement is a core philosophy and practice at CPH as we strive to connect with our community in new and exciting ways.” Atkins will continue to coordinate CPH’s engagement activities and produce the expanded *InsideCPH* events and programs. His new role will also include local casting and producing CPH’s New Ground Theatre Festival.

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#### ABOUT CLEVELAND PLAY HOUSE

Founded in 1915, **Cleveland Play House** is America’s first professional regional theatre. Throughout its rich history, Cleveland Play House has remained dedicated to its mission to inspire, stimulate and entertain diverse audiences in Northeast Ohio by producing plays and theatre education programs of the highest professional standards. It has produced more than 100 world and/or American premieres, and over its long history more than 12 million people have attended over 1,300 CPH productions. Today, Cleveland Play House looks toward its centennial while performing in three state-of-the-art venues at PlayhouseSquare in downtown Cleveland.

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