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# Out North Names Erin Willahan as New Executive Director

**Anchorage, AK** – Out North has hired Erin Willahan as its new Executive Director. Erin will focus on working collaboratively with the Out North Board of Directors to uphold the organization’s mission of advancing contemporary art in Anchorage, supporting underrepresented voices, and promoting community dialogue.

“I’m confident that Erin will build on Out North’s 35-year legacy as a champion of artists and arts that help us grow as a society. We are excited to have Erin at the helm because she brings news ideas, positivity, a love of Art, and a deep understanding of its ability to transform,” states Indra Arriaga, Out North Vice President.

Erin Harper Willahan was born and raised in Anchorage and served on the Out North Board of Directors prior to assuming her new role as Executive Director. Erin’s intergenerational history in the Anchorage arts community and professional and educational experiences have given her a unique vision that will allow her to act as Out North’s leader, representative, and liaison. Her past work in both local and international contexts includes policy analysis, research, community outreach, and facilitation.

“I believe in the power of the arts to connect, heal, and transform our community. As a former Out North board member and an Anchorage resident, I have seen Out North’s potential for transformative community engagement firsthand. I am humbled and honored to undertake its stewardship, and to continue to expand equitable access to Out North’s many resources, such as Out North Radio and community programming, to provide artists and community members with the tools and support to tell their own stories, connect, and dialogue”, states Willahan.

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Katura Willingham, President

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*Out North is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, founded in 1985. A catalyst for art and innovation in Anchorage for more than three decades, Out North advances contemporary art in Anchorage, supports underrepresented voices, and promotes community dialogue.*