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## Introducing Artistic Director Josh Grossman

Toronto – Executive Producer and CEO of Toronto Downtown Jazz (TDJ), Patrick Taylor announces the appointment of Josh Grossman as the organization’s new Artistic Director. At 33, Grossman is a young leading figure in the local jazz scene and is an educator, producer and performer.

The appointment begins immediately as TDJ prepares for this summer’s 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the TD Canada Trust Toronto Jazz Festival. “The opportunity to have such young talent with an ear to the ground on the local scene will bring a fresh perspective to the Festival,” states Taylor. “We are excited to move forward with the next generation of jazz impresarios and educators and feel that Josh’s artistic vision will carry the Festival to the next decade and beyond.”

“I am excited to be working with TDJ and building on an outstanding 23-year tradition,” states Grossman. “Some of my favourite musical experiences have been at the Festival and I look forward to creating memorable experiences for the current and next generation of jazz fans. It’s an honour to get to work closely with Toronto’s jazz community and the fantastic talent in this city, this country and on the international stage.”

Having previously held positions as the Artistic Director of the Markham Jazz Festival, Manager of High Park Choirs of Toronto and Production Manager of The Royal Conservatory of Music, and through his continuing work as Programming Co-Chair for the Jazz Performance and Education Centre, Grossman has been steadily building relationships in the local, national and international jazz, classical and world music communities. In addition to the organizational and production aspects, Grossman is a musician and Founder of the Toronto Jazz Orchestra which recently celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a big band for young, local emerging talent.

As Artistic Director, he will also be instrumental in further developing the educational components of TDJ during the off-season with community partner, Regent Park School of Music. Through master classes and other educational opportunities, TDJ will be exposing a new generation of students to jazz. Grossman’s experience with The Glenn Gould School, and the Jazz Performance and Education Centre will help build a solid foundation of the Festival and jazz community at the grassroots level.

Josh Grossman’s appointment as Artistic Director follows the retirement of Founding Artistic Director Jim Galloway last year.

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