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MEDIA RELEASE NEW BOARD CHAIR AT CHUNKY MOVE

MELBOURNE, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — Chunky Move are thrilled to announce the appointment of Sally Calder as Chair of the Board.

Having joined the Board in 2020, Sally will take over the Chair role from Leigh O’Neill who has steered the company with the support of Deputy Chair, Rose Hiscock since 2015.

Both Leigh, Rose and Board Member, Sean Jameson completed their respective tenures at Chunky Move’s 2024 Annual General Meeting 27 March 2024.

Sally Calder specialises in culture, leadership, and change management. She is the Co-Founder and CEO of RespectX, a reporting platform designed to prevent sexual harassment, bullying and discrimination in the workplace. Sally was a Partner at KPMG for many years and lead the national Culture, Diversity and Inclusion practice as well as the Melbourne People and Change team. She has worked extensively with senior leaders to support collaborative leadership, build constructive and successful cultures and inform communications, stakeholder engagement, and strategy. She has a particular interest in diversity and inclusion, and the value that can be drawn from cognitive technology and AI to both understand, and support changes in behaviour.

Prior to KPMG, Sally worked at all three levels of Government across two States, and held senior executive roles, in complex, service based public sector organisations, including organisations involved in cultural activity. Creating healthier, more connected, and vibrant communities, where opportunity, cultural expression, and inclusion are equally shared has been a focus of her career.

Sally has a long history of active involvement in the arts from both an academic, professional and personal perspective. She holds a Masters Degree in Australian Literature, and is an avid follower and collector of Australian fashion and art, a Ballet subscriber for many years, and a regular attendee at Opera, theatre, film, music and dance events.

Leigh O’Neill comments - *“I’m delighted that Sally Calder will be taking on the role of Chair for Chunky Move, having been a valuable contributor to the Board since 2020. Sally brings genuine passion for the company, contemporary dance and creative industries. This, together with her senior leadership experience and a close working relationship with co-CEOs, Kristy Ayre and Antony Hamilton, leave me confident for the company’s continued growth and energised in the future potential”.*

Sally Calder comments - *“I am super excited and honoured to have the opportunity to lead a capable and passionate Board, supporting such a dynamic and energetic company. Leigh’s leadership has provided the scaffolding that has allowed the Chunky team the freedom and courage to continue to make ground breaking work, and to grow the company’s reputation as Australia’s leading contemporary dance company. She leaves large shoes to fill”.*

In addition to Sally’s new leadership role as Chair, the Chunky Move Board are pleased to welcome new Board Member, Gabrielle Cummins. Gab joins the Board with a demonstrated history of entrepreneurship in the arts, publishing and digital marketing industries in commercial and public spheres both in Singapore and in Melbourne. Gab brings skills in contemporary, fine and street art curation and artist management, film production, festival direction and sponsorship procurement.

Gab joins Treasurer, Lili Pechey and Board Members Jasmin Sheppard (Tagalaka), Lauren Donazzan, Brad Macdonald, Wendy Martin, Tam Nguyen and Sophie Travers.

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