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## Mosaic names new executive director

### First in the organization's 25-year history

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Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit named Tara Tomcsik-Husak to the newly created role of executive director.

Tomcsik-Husak, 37, has 20 years of experience in the nonprofit, corporate hospitality and news sectors. The Detroit-native previously served as vice president of mission advancement for Michigan with the American Heart Association, and is an actress and singer, a news release said.

"I look forward to working with the board and Rick to build upon Mosaic's impressive legacy over the past 25 years" Tomcsik-Husak said in a statement. "This new position combines my passion for developing mission giving on behalf of Detroit's youth with my love for theater and music."

Tomcsik-Husak is an alumna of Wayne State University, class of 2004.

Mosaic launched a national search, led by Bloomfield Hills-based The Hunter Group LLC, after it decided to expand its leadership team in May. President and Founder Rick Sperling will serve as artistic director, following a co-leadership model that is used by most major American nonprofit theaters, the news release said.

"Tara's hiring will significantly help Mosaic expand and enhance our work with Detroit young artists, allowing me and Associate Artistic Director DeLashea Strawder to focus all of our energies on supporting their artistic, educational and career development," Sperling said in a statement.

In fiscal 2015, the year of Mosaic's most recent available Form 990, the organization reported a loss of \$129,350 on total revenue of \$1.26 million, following a reported loss of \$179,356 the year before on \$1.28 million in revenue, *Crain's reported*.

Mosaic's all-teen performances have toured to Africa, Asia, Europe, Canada and 25 states throughout the U.S. including performances at The White House, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Carnegie Hall and the Apollo Theater.

Founded by Sperling in 1992, Mosaic works with young people to create theater and music performances.

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