

Press Release

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Hilton Head Preparatory School Hires Locally, Regionally and Nationally known Choreographer and Director, Patti Maurer, as Artistic and Performing Arts Director

HILTON HEAD IS., SC -- Hilton Head Preparatory School announces the hiring of Patti Maurer as their new Artistic Director. Patti will direct and choreograph the school's two major theatre productions, teach, and manage the performing arts department. "We are excited to be able to hire this amazingly talented individual to direct our performing arts program. The amount of experience she brings to the table is astounding and we are excited about the heights to which Patti will lead our program," says Headmaster, Jon Hopman.

Having recently been accepted into the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society, Patti is also the Chair of the Arts and Cultural Council of Hilton Head Island and the Executive Director of the Island School Council for the Arts. She

has hundreds of dance, musical and directing credits including a dozen shows at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina as well as national and international productions. She is the Co-Founder of the 35th Parallel Productions and General Partner of the Alexis Fund, II that has produced national and international tours and Broadway shows. She is currently producing *Marie, Dancing Still* in Seattle and preparing that show for a Broadway debut. She has danced in, choreographed and directed shows in Charleston, SC, Colorado, Washington, DC, Florida, Seattle, Seoul, Korea and Tokyo, Japan. She has also worked with students of all ages on the island when working on shows for Hilton Head Prep, Hilton Head Christian Academy, Main Street Youth Theatre, Hilton Head Island High School, Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts and Southeastern Summer Theatre Institute.

Patti has a BFA in Dance and a BA in Psychology from the University of Colorado, Boulder, has her K-12 Advanced Fine Arts Teaching Certificate and was named a South Carolina Arts Commission Top 40 Arts Educator.