

San Diego Musical Theatre is pleased to announce their newly appointed Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Consultant - Kimberly King, new Academy Director of Education, Robert J. Townsend and new Academy Manager, Shirley Johnston.

King is a San Diego native and 25 year veteran elementary school teacher with the South Bay Union School District's Visual and Performing Arts Program. King is proud to serve in the San Diego theatre community on the San Diego Junior Theatre Board of Trustees as Education Chair, and at the Old Globe Theatre as a Teaching Artist, a 4-time dramaturge for the San Diego Repertory Theatre and Co-Curator for their Black Voices Reading Series, 2021.

As SDMT's DEI Consultant, she will guide the continued education and implementation of Anti-Racist and Anti-Bias strategies to uncover and work to correct any inequalities that exist within the organizational structure now or in the future. "San Diego Musical Theatre and their entire organization are thrilled to be taking the next steps toward active allyship by having Ms. King join our team to continue our growth, introspection and evolution," said Jill Townsend, SDMT Artistic Director.

Townsend has been a professional actor for almost 20 years, with experience that ranges from