



AFTER AN EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH TIMES SQUARE ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTS TOM HARRIS AS NEW PRESIDENT

New York, N.Y. June 2, 2021 – The Times Square Alliance Board of Directors today announced the appointment of Tom Harris as the new President of the Times Square Alliance. Tim Tompkins stepped down as President in December 2020 after almost 19 years of extraordinary service. From the time Tompkins stepped down until the search process was complete, Harris served as Acting President and Chief Operating Officer, with Senior Vice President Regina Fojas as his deputy. The appointment was made effective on June 1, 2021.

Eric Rudin, Co-Chair and President of Rudin Management Company Inc., and Chair of the Times Square Alliance Board of Directors led a months-long Search Committee composed of members of the Board and staff. He said, “After an exhaustive search, I’m pleased to announce that we found the best candidate right at home in Times Square. Tom Harris has been with the Alliance for over 13 years, and both the Board and Search Committee agreed that he was the right person to lead the Alliance staff and stakeholders out of this pandemic and into a successful future. Times Square is a complex district that takes a leader who can work on many levels, and we are confident Tom is the leader we need.”

Tom Harris, new President of the Times Square Alliance, said, “I am honored and excited to continue the great work that has been done in Times Square over the years especially at this challenging time. Times Square is the economic engine that drives this city; we are .1% of the landmass and 15% of the city’s economy. We reflect New York City to the world, a city that will not recover from this pandemic until Times Square recovers. I am looking forward to working with the Times Square community, our staff, and city agencies to ensure we emerge a more competitive, more vibrant, and more desirable destination for all. Together, we are unstoppable.”

Since 2008, Harris has overseen the Alliance’s operations, including its public safety and sanitation services, managing a staff of more than 120 employees. Prior to joining the Alliance, he spent 23 years at the New York City Police Department rising from patrolman to inspector. By the time he retired from the force, he was in command of three precincts in Brooklyn.

Harris has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences from St. Joseph's College and a Master of Public Administration degree from Marist College.

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About Times Square Alliance

The Times Square Alliance works to improve and promote Times Square — cultivating the creativity, energy, and edge that have made the area an icon of entertainment, culture, and urban life for over a century. Founded in 1992, the Alliance keeps the neighborhood clean and safe, promotes local businesses, manages area improvements, and produces major annual events including New Year’s Eve, Solstice in Times Square, and Taste of Times Square. As the custodians of Times Square, the Alliance works every day to improve the quality of life for the neighborhood residents and businesses while driving economic growth in New York City. TimesSquareNYC.org

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