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# **Advance Gender Equity in the Arts Announces 2018 AGE Equity Grants Recipients**

*\$40,000 Awarded at 35<sup>th</sup> Drammy Celebration*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Portland, Oregon, June 26, 2017** – Advance Gender Equity in the Arts (AGE) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2018 AGE Equity Grants. \$15,000 was awarded to Shaking the Tree Theatre, \$12,000 to PassinArt: A Theatre Company, \$8,000 to Artists Repertory Theatre, and \$5,000 to Boom Arts at the 35<sup>th</sup> Drammy Awards on Monday, June 25, 2018 at Portland Center Stage at The Armory.

The annual AGE Equity Grants are offered to Portland-area professional theatre companies that demonstrate a commitment to intersectional gender equity for womxn across the lifespan in theatre. This year's recipients were awarded for their courageous efforts to advance the stories of all womxn through play selection, directing and casting, as well as instituting policies for the safety and dignity of women in the theatre.

The grant review process involved 26 diverse equity advocates representing the Portland arts industries. An outstanding field of Portland theatre companies applied for the 2018 AGE Equity Grants. Congratulations to this year's semi-finalists: Bag&Baggage, CoHo Productions, Corrib Theatre, Milagro Theatre, PETE, Portland Center Stage, Portland Playhouse, and Profile Theatre.

"AGE commends the impressive slate of 2018 applicants. The Portland theatre community is working hard to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion in the arts," said Jane Vogel, AGE Founder and Board President. "Theatre is the place where truth is told about life (Stella Adler). Truth means that at least half the stories told in theatre are by womxn, for womxn, about womxn."

The application window for the 2019 AGE Equity Grants will open January 2019.

### **Information:**

AGE Equity Grants: [www.ageinthearts.org/age-grants/](http://www.ageinthearts.org/age-grants/)

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### **About Advance Gender Equity in the Arts**

Advance Gender Equity in the Arts (AGE) is a social justice movement founded in 2014 by actor and activist Jane Vogel, to advance intersectional gender equity in the arts. It was created with a mission to empower all women across the lifespan of the arts; and with a vision that all women have the opportunity to achieve their full potential in the arts.

Equity for AGE means creating environments where all people can achieve their full potential. Equity can only be achieved when women of color, older women, trans women, queer women, women with disabilities, all women are empowered and are fully engaged in leadership positions. AGE is committed to advancing equity, diversity and inclusion in the arts through grants, advocacy, community outreach, and activism.

The annual AGE in the Arts Awards recognize Portland-area professional theatre companies that promote and exhibit intersectional gender equity in their programming, leadership and casting. Recipients have received a total of \$100,000 since the awards were launched in 2016.

AGE further advances its mission and objectives through community engagement programs, special events, and collaborations.

### **Advance Gender Equity in the Arts**

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