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# **Advance Gender Equity in the Arts Announces 2019 AGE Equity Grants Recipients** *\$50,000 Awarded at 2019 Drammy Awards*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Portland, Oregon, July 2, 2019** – Advance Gender Equity in the Arts (AGE) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2019 AGE Equity Grants. \$15,000 was awarded to PassinArt: A Theatre Company, \$15,000 to Portland Center Stage, \$10,000 to Corrib Theatre, and \$10,000 to Portland Playhouse at the 2019 Drammy Awards on Monday, July 1, 2019 at Portland Center Stage at The Armory.

The annual AGE Equity Grants are awarded to Portland-area professional theatre companies that increase leadership opportunities for theatre artists who self-identify as women. These leadership opportunities include playwriting, directing, acting, and designing.

The grant review committee were 17 diverse equity advocates representing the Portland arts industries. An outstanding field of Portland theatre companies applied for the 2019 AGE Equity Grants. Congratulations to all the applicants and much gratitude to the reviewers.

“Portland theatres have made tremendous strides in creating and producing art through an equity lens,” said Jane Vogel, AGE Founder and Board President. “We are grateful to this theatre community and all the donors who made the grant funding possible. Equity benefits everyone!”

The application window for the 2020 AGE Equity Grants will open January 2020.

**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 \$150,000 since the awards were launched in 2016.

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

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