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Age & Gender Equity in the Arts Launches AGE in the Arts Awards

Awards application window open through April 30, 2016

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Portland, Oregon, March 17, 2016 – Age and Gender Equity in the Arts (AGE) has launched its AGE in the Arts Awards which will recognize Portland area theatre companies that are committed to inclusiveness and diversity for all genders in their artistic endeavors.

AGE is offering up to three annual awards with monetary incentives of \$5,000 to \$20,000 (2016 Awards will total \$30,000) to organizations that demonstrate structural, systemic and sustainable solutions to age and gender balance in their programming, leadership and casting.

The inaugural 2016 AGE in the Arts Awards will consider applications from Portland area professional theatre companies that meet eligibility requirements, including having produced a minimum of three fully staged shows (or the equivalent) per season for at least the past three seasons.

Applications will be reviewed and rated by a selection committee from Portland and cities across the US. Reviewers have been invited by AGE to participate based on a passion for age and gender issues and an affiliation with the theatre arts. Awards recipients will be announced in June 2016.

“Theatre must strive for inclusion and diversity if it aspires to be truthful and socially relevant.” says AGE President, Jane Vogel. “This requires that women of all ages be equally represented, heard, and dignified. Gender equity is becoming a national zeitgeist. Portland theatre can lead in transforming the cultural landscape to reflect equity for all.”

The application window is open March 15 – April 30, 2016. Eligible applicants are invited to visit the AGE website for more information and guidelines and to download an application.

AGE in the Arts Awards

Guidelines and Application:

<http://ageinthearts.org/awards-apply/>

Dates:

March 15 – April 30, 2016: Application window

April 30, 2016, 5:00pm: Application closing date

May 1-30, 2016: Application review and semi-finalist site visits

June 2016: Announcement of recipients

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About Age & Gender Equity in the Arts

Age and Gender Equity in the Arts was created with a mission to empower and promote the visibility of women across the life span in the performing arts.

Founded in 2014 by Portland actor and activist Jane Vogel, AGE seeks to advance age and gender equity in the arts by: challenging stereotypes and prejudices; raising consciousness about the power of language and its social consequences; raising awareness about gratuitous violence against women in the arts, promoting their dignity and safety; and supporting the creation of new works that portray women as strong, autonomous and accomplished.

Through the AGE in the Arts Awards, AGE will annually recognize and grant monetary incentives to Portland-area professional theatre entities that promote and exhibit age and gender parity in their programming, leadership and casting. The inaugural AGE in the Arts Awards will be announced in June 2016.

AGE further advances its mission and objectives through public educational opportunities and consultation.

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