

MEDIA CONTACT

Karla Mason Smith
karla@ageinthearts.org
503.957.1131 cell



www.ageinthearts.org

**Age & Gender Equity in the Arts
Announces 2017 AGE in the Arts Awards Recipients**
\$30,000 Awarded at 39th Drammy Celebration

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Portland, Oregon, June 27, 2017 – Age & Gender Equity in the Arts (AGE) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2017 AGE in the Arts Awards. \$20,000 was awarded to Profile Theatre and \$10,000 to Boom Arts at the 39th Drammy Awards on Monday, June 26, 2017 at The Ballroom at Portland State University's Smith Memorial Student Union.

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

The selection of the 2017 Award recipients was made by 20 diverse reviewers representing the theatre industry from Portland and across the country. 15 reviewers were new to this year's AGE in the Arts Awards committee, allowing for fresh eyes on the applicant pool.

An outstanding field of Portland theatre companies applied for the 2017 Awards. The semi-finalists included: Artists Repertory Theatre, Bag&Baggage, Boom Arts, CoHo Productions, Northwest Children's Theatre, Profile Theatre and Third Rail Repertory Theatre.

"AGE commends the impressive slate of 2017 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. "This year's applicants showed tremendous courage and vulnerability, placing the equity lens through which socially conscious and relevant art is created over box office obstacles. All the applicants were inspiring and deserving of recognition."

The application window for the 2018 AGE in the Arts Awards will open early Spring of 2018.

(more)

Information:

AGE in the Arts Awards: <http://ageinthearts.org/about/age-in-the-arts-awards/>

About Age & Gender Equity in the Arts

Age and Gender Equity in the Arts (AGE) is a social justice organization created to advance intersectional equity for women across the lifespan in theatre through direct incentives, advocacy, and community engagement.

Founded in 2014 by Portland actor and activist Jane Vogel, AGE seeks to: raise awareness of gender bias in theatre and its adverse effect on the arts and culture; create opportunities for collaborations that lead to changes in gender imbalance in theatre; advance equity for women through diversity and inclusion; and raise awareness of microaggressions and gratuitous violence against women in theatre.

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 \$60,000 since the awards were launched in 2016.

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

AGE is a recipient of a 2015 Professional Development Grant from the Regional Arts & Culture Council.

Age & Gender Equity in the Arts

Increase Awareness • Create Curiosity • Stimulate Dialogue

www.ageinthearts.org

#