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**Age & Gender Equity in the Arts (AGE)
Announces Recipients of 2016 AGE in the Arts Awards at
Portland's 2015-2016 Drammys**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Portland, Oregon, June 30, 2016 – Age and Gender Equity in the Arts (AGE) has announced the recipients of the 2016 AGE in the Arts Awards. A total of \$30,000 was awarded to CoHo Productions (\$20,000) and Profile Theatre (\$10,000) at the 2015-2016 Drammy Award Celebration at the Newmark Theatre, Portland, Oregon, on Monday, July 27, 2016.

The annual awards recognize Portland-area professional theatre companies committed to age and gender parity in programming, leadership and casting. The Awards serve to promote the AGE mission: To empower and promote the visibility of women across the life span in the performing arts.

An outstanding field of Portland theatre companies applied for the inaugural Awards this year. The six semi-finalists were: Artists Repertory Theatre, CoHo Productions, Milagro Theatre, Portland Playhouse, Profile Theatre and Third Rail Repertory Theatre.

The AGE in the Arts Awards recipients were selected following a rigorous three-phase application and review process. The 2016 Review Committee was made up of thirteen theatre industry professionals from across the country – women and men of diverse ages, ethnicities and races with an interest in age and gender issues.

“We are grateful to the Portland theatre community for joining our efforts to change the paradigm in theatre, advocating for women to have visibility and relevance as playwrights, directors, lead actors and designers,” said Jane Vogel, AGE Founder and President. “We are honored by the Review Committee’s commitment to the AGE mission and grateful for their dedication and hard work in bringing the 2016 AGE in the Arts Awards to fruition.”

Information:

AGE in the Arts Awards: www.ageinthearts/ageintheartawards.com

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About Age & Gender Equity in the Arts

Age and Gender Equity in the Arts (AGE) 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.

AGE annually recognizes and awards professional theatre entities that promote and exhibit age and gender parity in their programming, leadership and casting. The 2016 AGE in the Arts Awards recipients are CoHo Productions (\$20,000) and Profile Theatre (\$10,000).

AGE further advances its mission and objectives through public educational opportunities and consultation. AGE will present a conference March 3 and 4, 2017, Unconscious Bias: Achieving Gender Equity, on campus at Portland State University in partnership with PSU's Office of Global Diversity and Inclusion.

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