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**Age & Gender Equity in the Arts (AGE)
ANNOUNCES LAUNCH EVENT
Monday, May 4, 2015
Portland Center Stage**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Portland, Oregon, April 6, 2015 – Age and Gender Equity in the Arts (AGE) will publicly launch as a nonprofit organization with a celebratory evening at Portland Center Stage on Monday, May 4, 2015 from 6:30-8:30pm.

Age and Gender Equity in the Arts was established with a mission to empower and promote the visibility of women across the life span in the performing arts. Founded by Portland actor and activist Jane Vogel, the organization seeks to create a unique movement which promotes inclusive and diverse representation of all people in the arts. AGE will recognize and grant awards to professional theatre entities that demonstrate parity in their programming, with awards targeted to begin in 2016.

The May 4 launch celebration event will feature performances and presentations by Portland talent and supporters of AGE, including Alana Byington, Grace Carter, Patricia A. Hunter, Susan Jonsson, Sue Mach, Vana O'Brien, Daniel Pollack-Pelzner, Ithica Tell, Joshua Weinstein, Bill Wadhams and Ronni Lacroute.

"It is with gratitude and enthusiastic anticipation that we launch Age and Gender Equity in the Arts," says Jane Vogel, Founder and Board President. "AGE marks an important potential shift in gender parity and ageism as manifested in the arts. The momentum for this movement is propelled by a collective community effort to make the arts a bastion of change for the equitable representation of all people."

The launch celebration will take place in the mezzanine level of The Armory at Portland Center Stage.

Event:

AGE & GENDER EQUITY IN THE ARTS
LAUNCH CELEBRATION
Monday, May 4, 2015
6:30-8:30pm
Portland Center Stage
Mezzanine Level, The Armory
128 NW Eleventh Avenue; Portland, Oregon 97209
Free to public

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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.

AGE will annually recognize and grant awards to professional theatre entities that promote and exhibit age and gender parity in their programming. The organization is targeting to begin awarding grants in 2016.

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

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

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