

A.C.T.

AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER

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AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ITS COMMUNITY SPACE-SHARING INITIATIVE

**Created in 2012, the Community Space-Sharing Initiative offers free
performance space to local arts organizations!**

Applications now accepted through Friday, March 18

SAN FRANCISCO (February 10, 2016)— **American Conservatory Theater (A.C.T.)** Artistic Director **Carey Perloff** announced today that applications are now being accepted for A.C.T.'s **Community Space-Sharing Initiative**, which offers no-cost performance space to local arts organizations and individual artists at The Costume Shop, A.C.T.'s 49-seat black-box venue, and The Rueff, a multi-use event and performance space located at A.C.T.'s Strand Theater. In addition to one week of no-cost performance space, the selected artists will also receive a special reduced rate for rehearsal space, project event listings on A.C.T.'s website, onsite technical production support, and access to a limited number of complimentary tickets for A.C.T. subscription shows. Applications are now being accepted through **Friday, March 18, 2016** at www.act-sf.org/cssi. Recipients of the Community Space-Sharing Initiative for the 2016–17 season will be announced on Monday, May 23, 2016.

Says Perloff: "With the opening of our new Strand Theater, A.C.T. is poised to deepen its commitment to the Community Space-Sharing Initiative launched in 2012. This groundbreaking initiative has allowed A.C.T. to donate our Costume Shop Theater free of charge to a wide variety of groups who have work to share but no space in which to produce it. We can now add The Rueff at The Strand Theater to the space-sharing mix, inviting many artists to share in this beautiful and flexible new venue right in the center of San Francisco. In this way, The Strand can help realize our dream of having a community space in which all are welcome and a wide variety of work is shared and celebrated."

As a component of A.C.T.'s expanded community engagement programs and audience-building efforts, A.C.T.'s Community Space-Sharing Initiative was designed to foster new relationships with Bay Area artists and provide a performance space in which artists and organizations without a home can present thought-provoking work. A.C.T.'s goal through the Community Space-Sharing Initiative is to reach a broader range of organizations, welcoming those who have diverse perspectives, bold artistic visions, and the desire to reach communities.

Past recipients of A.C.T.'s Community Space-Sharing Initiative include:

- [Campo Santo Theatre Company](#)
- [Lorraine Hansberry Theatre](#)
- [Playwrights Foundation](#)
- [PlayGround](#)
- [Theatre Rhinoceros](#)

For information on A.C.T.'s Community Space-Sharing Initiative or to apply online, visit www.act-sf.org/cssi. For questions, please contact Erin Washington at cssi@act-sf.org.

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