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**AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ARTSHARE**

ArtShare—A.C.T.’s community space-sharing initiative created in 2012—provides free performance space to local performers and arts organizations!

Applications now being accepted for 2018–19 season!

SAN FRANCISCO (February 6, 2018)—**American Conservatory Theater** (A.C.T.) Associate Artistic Director **Andy Donald** announced today that applications for **ArtShare**, A.C.T.’s community space-sharing initiative, are now being accepted. Created in 2012, ArtShare provides free performance space for small and mid-sized companies without permanent performance space, as well as independent artists, who would benefit from being in residence at one of A.C.T.’s spaces in the Central Market area—**The Costume Shop** (1117 Market St.), 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 (1127 Market St.). ArtShare is made possible by generous support from the **Hearst Foundation**, the **Rainin Foundation**, and the **Zellerbach Family Foundation**.

Applications for the 2018–19 season are being accepted now through **Monday, March 5, 2018**. Space will be awarded to individuals or companies for up to two weeks each (the length of each space awarded may vary and will be determined based on the needs of the project). In addition to their need for space, recipients will be selected based on the project’s readiness for the program, the project’s capacity for success in A.C.T.’s spaces, and the diversity of the communities served by the artists. To apply, visit: www.act-sf.org/artshare. ArtShare recipients for the 2018–19 season will be announced on **Tuesday, May 1, 2018**.

If selected, recipients will receive:

- Complimentary performance space
- House management and security personnel for all performances
- A technical orientation at load-in
- Up to 15 hours of complimentary rehearsal space, subject to availability
- Listing of project on A.C.T.’s website
- Access to free tickets for A.C.T. subscription shows

A.C.T. will hold an **ArtShare Open House** at The Strand Theater on **February 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** This will be an opportunity for interested applicants to ask questions about the program, take a tour of the spaces, and mingle with this year’s ArtShare cohort. For additional information about the open house, or to RSVP, please email amoss@act-sf.org.

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

Recipients of A.C.T.'s community space-sharing initiative for the 2017–18 season include Campo Santo, AlterTheater, Nadhi Thekkek, and Sammay Dizon.

Previous recipients include Alter Theater Ensemble, BAYCAT, Campo Santo, Caterina Dance, Community Works West, Do It Live, Fools Fury, Goat Hall, Imaginists, Kearny Street Workshop, Kevin Rolsten, Ixalt, Just Theater, Jump! Theatre, Magic Theatre, Marga Gomez, MFR Productions, Mugwumpin, Orchestra Collective, Playwrights Foundation, ReACT, SF Playhouse, The Posse Foundation, Theater Rhinoceros, Under The Table Ensemble Theatre, Yes All Women, and 6NewPlays.

For information on ArtShare, A.C.T.'s community space-sharing initiative, visit www.act-sf.org/artshare.

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