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AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER'S COMMUNITY SPACE-SHARING INITIATIVE IS RENAMED ARTSHARE

Created in 2012, A.C.T.'s community space-sharing initiative provides free performance space to local performers and arts organizations!

Applications now being accepted for 2017–18 season!

SAN FRANCISCO (January 9, 2017)—**American Conservatory Theater** (A.C.T.) Associate Artistic Director **Andy Donald** announced today that A.C.T.'s Community Space-Sharing Initiative (CSSI) has been renamed **ArtShare**. Created in 2012, the community space-sharing initiative 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 Kenneth Rainin Foundation, the Zellerbach Family Foundation, and the San Francisco Neighborhood Arts Collaborative.

Applications for the 2017–18 season are being accepted now through **Saturday, March 4, 2017**. 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. Recipients of ArtShare for the 2017–18 season will be announced on **Friday, April 14, 2017**.

If selected, recipients of ArtShare will receive:

- Complimentary performance space
- House management and security personnel for all performances
- Special rate for rehearsal space
- Listing of project on A.C.T.'s website

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 2016–17 season included BAYCAT, Marga Gomez, Community Works West, Just Theater, Jump! Theatre, Under The Table Ensemble Theatre, and 6NewPlays.

Previous recipients include Alter Theater Ensemble, Campo Santo, Caterina Dance, Do It Live, Fools Fury, Goat Hall, Imaginists, Kearny Street Workshop, Kevin Rolsten, Ixalt, Magic Theatre, MFR Productions, Mugwumpin, Orchestra Collective, Playwrights Foundation, ReACT, SF Playhouse, The Posse Foundation, Theater Rhinoceros, and Yes All Women.

For information on ArtShare, A.C.T.'s community space-sharing initiative, visit www.act-sf.org/home/about/opportunities/space_sharing/artshare_faq.html.

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