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AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER JOINS THEATERS NATIONWIDE TO LAUNCH THE GHOSTLIGHT PROJECT

Collective Action Event on the Eve of Presidential Inauguration

Other participating Bay Area theaters include, but are not limited to, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, Crowded Fire Theater, Golden Thread Productions, New Conservatory Theatre Center, Shotgun Players, Aurora Theatre Company, and Z Space

SAN FRANCISCO (January 11, 2017) – **American Conservatory Theater (A.C.T.)** announced today that on **Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**—the eve of the presidential inauguration—it and over 100 theaters and theatrical organizations across the country will launch **The Ghostlight Project**, a collective, simultaneous action, together creating “light” for challenging times ahead. Inspired by the tradition of leaving a “ghost light” on in a darkened theater, artists and communities will make or renew a pledge to stand for and protect the values of inclusion, participation, and compassion for everyone—regardless of race, class, religion, country of origin, immigration status, (dis)ability, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

The event will be held at 5:30 p.m. in front of The Geary Theater (415 Geary St.) and will include a short program of speaking followed by the ceremonial lighting. This event is open to all. Members of the community should arrive between 5-5:25 p.m. and are encouraged to bring an electric light, flashlight, electric candle, or smartphone.

At the same time, a related gathering of Bay Area theatermakers will take place at Berkeley Rep at 5:30 p.m. in the theater’s central courtyard, located at 2025 Addison Street. There will be a short program of speaking followed by the ceremonial lighting.

For more information on **The Ghostlight Project** national action, visit: <https://theghostlightproject.com>.

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