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**THEATRE BAY AREA ANNOUNCES
THE 2016 TBA AWARDS
TO BE HOSTED AT
A.C.T.'S GEARY THEATER**

**TBA AWARDS FINALISTS
TO BE ANNOUNCED VIA FACEBOOK VIDEO
FROM TBA HEADQUARTERS**

San Francisco, CA -- Theatre Bay Area announces **The 2016 TBA Awards Celebration** to be hosted at **American Conservatory Theater's Geary Theater** on **Monday, December 5, 2016** at 7pm PST. The 2016 TBA Awards, now in its third year, honors the excellence of professionally-oriented theatre by offering an equitable, peer-based adjudication process and awards celebration. Throughout the year, TBA Awards adjudicators attend eligible productions throughout the Bay Area, critique the work, and recommend productions to the community at large. This year, over 300 adjudicators cast ballots for over 281 productions at 96 companies across three tiers based on operating budget and use of AEA (union) talent.

Tickets for the Awards Celebration range from \$40-\$150 and will be available for purchase starting Thursday, October 13. Tickets may be purchased online at

www.theatrebayarea.org/awardscelebration or through the A.C.T. box office at 415-749-2228.

[Information about the evening's entertainment will be released at a later date.](#)

Finalists for this year's Awards will be announced via Facebook video throughout the day starting at 10am PST on Thursday, October 13 and will feature previous TBA Award recipients as guest hosts. To view the announcement, visit www.facebook.com/theatrebayarea. The full finalist list will be made available the following day at 10am PST at

www.theatrebayarea.org/awardscelebration.



Theatre Bay Area, now in its 40th year, is the leading regional theatre service organization of the West Coast, and today supports more than 300 theatre companies in the San Francisco Bay Area.

With hundreds of companies spanning nine counties, the region boasts more theatre companies per capita than any other metropolitan area in the United States, houses the third largest community of Equity (union) actors, and premieres some 200 new plays each year.

Theatre Bay Area's mission is to unite, strengthen, promote and advance the theatre community in the San Francisco Bay Area, working on behalf of our conviction that the performing arts are an essential public good, critical to a healthy and truly democratic society, and invaluable as a source of personal enrichment and growth.

For more information, visit www.theatrebayarea.org.

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