

## M E D I A R E L E A S E

### Portland Center Stage at The Armory Welcomes Five New Board Members Beginning with the 2018-2019 Season

**August 8, 2018 – PORTLAND, OR** Portland Center Stage at The Armory is delighted to welcome five new trustees from across the Portland business community to its board of directors, beginning with the 2018-2019 season: **Saskia M de Boer**, Partner, Stoel Rovers LLP; **Joseph F. Mitchoff**, CEO, Miridan Redefined Wood; **Turid Owen**, Partner, Tonkon Torp LLP; **Rosemarie Thompson**, Managing Partner, RoseLake Property and Designs, LLC; and **Michelle Weisenbach**, Oregon and SW Washington Market President and Commercial Bank Leader, Key Bank.

“This is an exciting time at The Armory. We just ended a successful 30th anniversary season, and we will be welcoming a new artistic director to the company this fall,” said Board Chair Ted Austin. “The addition of these newly elected trustees to our energetic and engaged board of directors positions us to take full advantage of the new chapter ahead. We look forward to what their voices and talents will add to our work as a board, supporting a theater that has achieved so much, locally and nationally.”

“We have so much to celebrate this coming season,” said Managing Director Cynthia Fuhrman, who works closely with the artistic director and board of directors on the overall strategic direction for the company. “With both a new artistic director joining our company, and my relatively new role as managing director, it’s heartening to see our board of directors attract such a fantastic new class of trustees to join those who have already done so much for us. I’m excited to have these strong representatives of our community join us at this significant moment, and I know we will rely on their support as we enter a new era at the theater.”

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**In Memoriam Bob Gerding**

## **PORTLAND CENTER STAGE AT THE ARMORY**

**Portland Center Stage at The Armory** is the largest theater company in Portland and among the top 20 regional theaters in the country. Established in 1988 as a branch of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the company became independent in 1994. Around 150,000 visitors attend The Armory annually to enjoy a mix of classic, contemporary and world premiere productions, along with a variety of high quality education and community programs. Eleven productions are offered each season, in addition to roughly 400 community events created—in partnership with 170+ local organizations and individuals—to serve the diverse populations in the city. As part of its dedication to new play development, the company has produced 26 world premieres and presents an annual new works festival, JAWA Playwrights Festival. Home to two theaters, The Armory, which was originally built in 1891, opened its doors in 2006 as the first building on the National Register of Historic Places, and the first performing arts venue in the country, to achieve a LEED Platinum rating.

## **THE 2018-2019 SEASON SUPPORTERS**

The [2018-2019 season](#) is funded in part by Season Superstars Tiemand Mary Boyle, and Lead Corporate Champion Umpqua Bank. Further support comes from Season Sponsors the Regional Arts and Culture Council and Oregon Arts Commission, a state agency funded by the state of Oregon and the National Endowment for the Arts; Women's Series Sponsors Ronni Lacroute, Bridget Flanagan and Dana Gerding; and Studio Season Sponsors Mary and Don Blair. The Mark

Spencer Hotel is the official hotel partner. Portland Center Stage at The Armory was selected as a participant of the Wallace Foundation's [Building Audiences for Sustainability Initiative](#), an effort with a nationwide cohort of 26 performing arts organizations.

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