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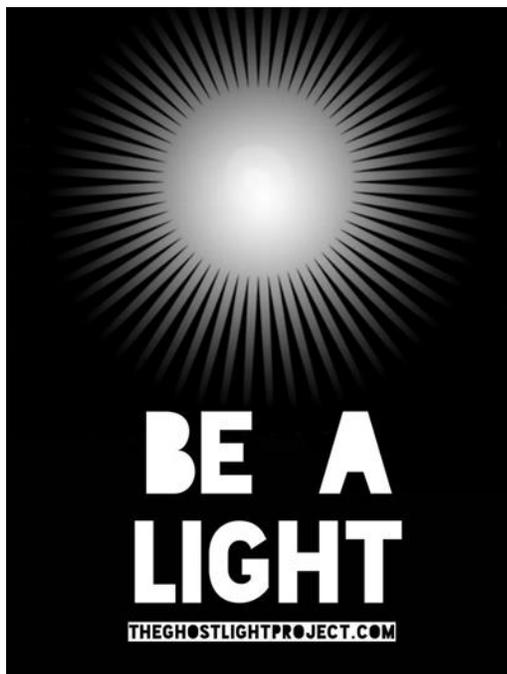
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THE GHOSTLIGHT PROJECT | JANUARY 19 | NATIONAL EVENT

Portland theater companies participate in national gathering to turn a light on in the darkness and serve as sanctuaries in the years ahead

#GhostlightProject | #AllAreWelcome | #BeALight



January 12, 2017 – PORTLAND, OR. On January 19, Portland theater companies, including **Portland Center Stage at The Armory, Artists Repertory Theatre** and **Oregon Children's Theatre**, will join theater communities across the country in hosting gatherings for **The Ghostlight Project**. Inspired by the tradition of leaving a “ghost light” on in a darkened theater for safety, artists and communities across the country 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.

ALL ARE WELCOME. Lighting events will happen at several locations in Portland. Details are below for events at **Portland Center Stage at The Armory, Artists Repertory Theatre** and **Oregon Children's Theatre**. A full list of participating theaters in Oregon, and nationally, can be found at: theghostlightproject.com/participants.

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PORTLAND CENTER STAGE AT THE ARMORY

The Armory — joined by some of its longstanding community partners including The Giving Tree, Central City Concern, Playwrite Inc., and Theatre Diaspora — will host a lighting event in its main lobby with DJ Anjali on hand to play upbeat world music. Kelsey Tyler, director of education and community programs, will lead the pledge ceremony. Lights will be provided and attendees with cell phones may also use their phone lights. All are welcome.

Gather at 5:00 p.m. | Lighting Event at 5:30 p.m. | Main Lobby | 128 NW Eleventh Ave.

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More Info: www.pcs.org

ARTISTS REPERTORY THEATRE

Artists Repertory Theatre will host a Ghostlight Project gathering that will include patrons, community partners, Resident Artists, along with Resident Companies in the ArtsHub. The event begins at 5 p.m. in the Morrison Lobby. At 5:30 p.m., we will illuminate Artists Rep's enduring beacon of light at the theatre. We will stand in solidarity valuing the inclusion and recognition of all people and in resistance to intolerance of any kind. Artists Rep will pledge our commitment to serve as a sanctuary. All are welcome.

Gather at 5:00 p.m. | Lighting Event at 5:30 p.m. | Morrison Lobby | 1515 SW Morrison St.

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OREGON CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Oregon Children's Theatre will gather for a 10 to 20 minute observance at dusk. All are welcome to attend the ceremony, which will take place on the sidewalks outside Oregon Children's Theatre, with a candle, a flashlight, a sign saying Be A Light or All Are Welcome, to help emphasize the value of compassion, connection and community. Attendees are invited to join us for refreshments following the ceremony.

Gather at 5:15 p.m. | Lighting Event at 5:30 p.m. | OCT Studios | 1939 NE Sandy Blvd.

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