



NEWSLETTER

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2006 – 2007 PARTNERSHIP DRIVE UNDER WAY

With the adoption of new NAPAT By-Laws our fiscal year has been changed to May 1 through April 30 of each succeeding year. As a result, the Annual Partnership Drive is now seeking contributions which will carry membership through **April 2007**. The new By-Laws also define categories of annual membership and their associated benefits:

Full Partner – Annual contribution shall entitle the member to a complimentary ticket to the Annual Brunch, an invitation to the NAPAT reception, and other benefits as determined by the Board.

Associate Partner – Annual contribution shall entitle member to an invitation to the NAPAT reception, and other benefits as determined by the Board.

Institutional Partner – (New category.) Annual contribution shall entitle the member to one Full Partnership, and a listing in all NAPAT publications.

A subscription to the NAPAT Newsletter shall be included in all membership categories.

The NAPAT Board also determined that beginning January 1, 2006 Partnership contribution levels will be: Full Partner - \$125 (or more), Associate Partner - \$65, Institutional Partner - \$200. However, it was decided that during the transition period from October 2005 to December 31, 2005, current contribution levels of Full Partner - \$100 (or more) and Associate Partner - \$50 will be counted as membership through the **2006-2007 fiscal year** with all benefits noted above. (See pledge form on page 4.)

(Note benefits associated with the Washington, D.C. meeting will apply for the April 2007 Festival.)

WHERE DOES YOUR PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION GO?

All Partner contributions support two major programs of the organization:

The NAPAT National Classical Acting Award, currently awarded at the Irene Ryan Evening in association with the London Academy of Dramatic Art, providing full tuition and expenses for LAMDA's summer training program; and the new **NAPAT Regional Classical Acting Award**, a \$250 cash award presented at each of the KCACTF Regional Festivals.

Your contribution is tax-deductible.

Note: The annual NAPAT Conference in Washington D.C. is supported primarily by conference fees, and no NAPAT funds are used to support Board meetings and activities.

NAPAT BOARD MEETS IN HARRISBURG, PA

Board member Kathryn Robinson and Pennsylvania State Capital College hosted the annual Fall meeting of the NAPAT Board of Directors on October 14 and 15 in Harrisburg, PA. Prior to the meetings a Board committee met and drafted new By-Laws for the organization. Following discussion at the general meeting the By-Laws were adopted effective October 15, 2005.

Along with sections defining the Board and its officers, record keeping and financial accountability, the By-Laws provide new definitions for NAPAT membership and the benefits accruing thereto. (These definitions and benefits are described on page 1 of this Newsletter.) In addition, the By-Laws provide for a new membership category: Institutional Partners (See below.).

The Board voted to adopt new annual contribution levels, and Board committee reports were received concerning NAPAT Awards, Recruitment, and the National Festival.

The next Board meeting will be held in Washington D.C. on April 21-22, 2005 at the time of the annual NAPAT Festival.

NAPAT INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS CREATED

NAPAT's recently approved By-Laws provide for the new partnership category of Institutional Partner. A \$200 annual contribution will bring the institution one Full Partnership with all related benefits, and a listing in all NAPAT publications; plus a subscription to this Newsletter. If your institution is interested in membership and supporting NAPAT'S programs and goals please contact Membership Coordinator Joyce Cavarozzi at: Joyce.cavarozzi@wichita.edu

NAPAT MISSION STATEMENT

As outlined in the By-Laws

The mission of the
**National Partners
American Theatre**
(NAPAT)

is to support activities of the
"next generation"
of theatre artists.

NAPAT strives to give support to significant theatre programs and activities that need additional funding, expertise or elbow grease.

Objectives include:

- sponsoring awards and scholarships in theatre
- serving as a resource for theatre organizations on the regional and national levels
- raising and donating monetary support for projects identified as appropriate to the mission
- providing historical perspectives to regional and national educational theatre organizations

JOIN US

IN

SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF THEATRE ARTISTS

(Pledge form on next page.)

2006 NAPAT FESTIVAL PLANNED FOR WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Third Annual NAPAT Festival will be held in Washington, D.C. on April 21-22, 2006. This popular get-together is planned to coincide with the KCACTF National Festival (April 17 – 24.) The high-light of this year's NAPAT gathering will be a brunch honoring long time KCACTF administrator and friend **Evelyn Dewey**. All who know her and benefited from Evelyn's outstanding management of the program should plan on attending the brunch this year.

The Festival will also feature the Partners' Annual Reception with the KC/ACTF National Committee, tickets for the Irene Ryan Evening of Scenes – where this years recipient of the NAPAT Classical Acting Award will be selected, plus the opportunity to meet and greet old friends and to visit Washington, D.C.

Details regarding the Festival and this year's discounted "Early Bird" registration should have already reached you. "Early Bird" registration must be completed by December 31st. If you haven't received information and would like to avail yourself of this discount, please contact: Donn Finn at dramadon@sbcglobal.net

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**NATIONAL PARTNERS AMERICAN THEATRE
2006-2007 PARTNERSHIP DRIVE**

NOTE: New NAPAT By-Laws changed our fiscal year to May 1 through April 30 of each year. Accordingly, contributions are now being solicited for the year beginning May 1, 2006. In addition, contribution levels will change on January 1, 2006. HOWEVER, Partners who contribute by December 31, 2005 may do so at current levels and these membership levels will carry until April 2007. Note: New Partner benefits - as outlined in the By-Laws - will become effective with the new fiscal year beginning May 1, 2006

PLEASE JOIN US!

Your tax-deductible contribution may be applied to the payment year option selected below, but appropriate partnership level in either case will continue through April 2007.

	Payment by 12/31/05:	Payment beginning 1/1/06:
Full Partner -	_____ \$100 or more	_____ \$125 or more
Associate Partner -	_____ \$ 50	_____ \$ 65
Institutional Partner* -	_____ \$ 200	_____ \$200

Please select one of the options shown above, and make your check payable to:
National Partners American Theatre

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

* For Institutional Partnerships include the information above for the institution's designated Full Partner. In addition, provide institution name and address below:

INSTITUTION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

Send this form and your check to:

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