

# THEATRE FOR A NEW AUDIENCE



Featuring the nineteenth presentation of the Samuel H. Scripps Award for Extraordinary Artistic Achievement to  
**Ayanna Thompson**

Leading Shakespeare scholar and member of the TFANA's Council of Scholars

And the twelfth presentation of the Life in Art Award to

**Audrey Heffernan Meyer**

Actress, leading New York philanthropist, and longtime TFANA Board Member

**Emceed by Maurice Jones**

**Monday May 15, 2023 at 6:30pm**

Capitale, 130 Bowery, New York

Gala Co-Chairs: **Kathleen C. Walsh • Stephanie Ingrassia • Lead Sponsor: Deloitte.**

Since 1979, Theatre for a New Audience has produced Shakespeare and other classics alongside exciting contemporary works.

#### Gala Quick Facts:

- Theatre for a New Audience's elegant and entertaining Gala is attended by more than 350 of New York's leading arts patrons and has been hosted by eminent theatre artists such as Jessica Hacht, Harry Lennix, Alfred Molina, Kristine Nielsen, and Maggie Siff.
- The Gala includes a cocktail reception, seated dinner, auction, and awards program.
- The Samuel H. Scripps Award for Extraordinary Artistic Achievement will be presented to Shakespeare Scholar **Ayanna Thompson**. Past recipients include F. Murray Abraham, Arin Arbus, Michael Boyd, Christian Camargo, Elliot Goldenthal, Kathryn Hunter, Jeffrey Horowitz, Harry Lennix, Marie Maignan, Mark Rylance, Wallace Shawn, Bartlett Sher, Julie Taymor, John Douglas Thompson, John Turturro and Robert Woodruff.
- The *Life in Art* award will be presented to actor, philanthropist and TFANA Board Member **Audrey Heffernan Meyer** whose philanthropic work and service has inspired others to ensure that theatre and the arts remain a vibrant part of our cultural life. Past recipients include Elayne Bernstein and Sol Schwartz, Sally Brody, Terry Christensen, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Richard E. Feldman, Barbara G. Fleischman, Leonard Polonsky and Georgette Bennett, Amanda Riegel, Theodore C. Rogers, Barry Salzberg and Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Ltd., and Anne Tatlock.
- Co-Sponsorship packages and corporate promotion opportunities are available. Tables range from \$10,000-\$40,000 for Individual purchase, and \$15,000-\$40,000 for Corporate Sponsors. Ticket prices are \$2,500 and \$1,500. Tribute Ads can be purchased for \$2,500.

#### About Theatre for a New Audience:

- Produces three to five major productions each season that serve an average of 40,000 audience members each year.
- Has received numerous awards and nominations for its acclaimed productions, including the Obie, Drama Desk, Drama League, Lucille Lortel, Audelco, Outer Critics Circle and Tony.
- Runs the largest, in-depth program in the NYC Public Schools to introduce Shakespeare and the classics, serving more than 140,000 students and teachers since 1984.
- Is the first American company to perform Shakespeare at the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-upon-Avon.
- After more than 30 years as an itinerant company, in 2013 the Theatre opened Polonsky Shakespeare Center in the Brooklyn Cultural District, where it has served an audience of more than 280,000.

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Julie Taymor, 2022 Scripps Honoree Harry Lennix, and Elliot Goldenthal



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