

ANT NEWSFLASH

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In Memorium
Arthur Miller
Playwright
(1915-2005)

The American National Theatre, like much of the world, is deeply saddened by the recent death of

ANT Artistic and Administrative Advisory Panels

Hold First General Meeting in New York

More than 30 members of The American National Theatre's Board, advisory panels, and committees gathered in the Council Room of The Actors' Equity Building on Monday, February 21st, to discuss topics ranging from The American National Theatre Festival (starting in spring 2006) to this spring's ANT Founders' Celebration (details soon to be announced).

President Sean Cullen welcomed the assemblage that included artistic directors Andrew Barnicle (Laguna Playhouse), Sharon Ott (Seattle Repertory Theatre), and Charles Towers (Merrimack Repertory Theatre), Founders' Committee members Kathleen Chalfant and Monty Silver, and more than two dozen other key ANT supporters to the meeting.

Speakers included Mr. Cullen; Molly Tack of the New York Grant Company; Leonard Jacobs, *Back Stage* Associate Editor; May Wuthrich, co-producer of The ANT Founders' Celebration; and ANT publicist Joe Trentacosta, of Springer Associates PR.

ANT Advisors came from as far away as California and Washington State, and from as nearby as across Times Square, to come together for an event that director Kent Paul described as "deeply affecting." Mr. Paul capped his comments by saying that the mission of The American National Theatre is "crucial" to the future of theatre in the United States.

The "New York Grant Company & The ANT: A Partnership for Fundraising Success

The American National Theatre, Inc. and the New York Grant Company (NYGC) have agreed to terms making NYGC the exclusive grant-writing agency of The ANT. Ann Kayman, President of NYGC, and Molly Tack, Director of Nonprofit Grantwriting, have set in motion an aggressive fundraising campaign targeting foundation, corporate, and government prospects for funding of The ANT's ongoing operations and The American National Theatre Festival."

Victor Garber & Blair Brown Join The ANT Founders' Committee

Film, stage, and television actor Victor Garber, currently starring as Jack Bristow in the ABC spy drama, "Alias," recently joined Tony-winner and longtime ANT supporter Blair Brown as the latest additions to The American National Theatre Founders' Committee.

The multi-talented Ms. Brown, already an ANT Advisory Panel member, has been written about many times on this page. Mr. Garber, in addition to his recent Emmy nominations for "Alias," has been nominated on four occasions for Tony Awards for "Damn Yankees," "Lend Me A Tenor," "Deathtrap" and "Little Me." Movie audiences around the world were treated to Mr. Garber's charismatic performance as the architect of the ill-fated ship in the film "Titanic."

Mr. Garber and Ms. Brown join Kathleen Chalfant, Hugh Jackman, Donna Murphy, Harold Prince, and Monty Silver on The American National Theatre Founders' Committee, a group dedicated to assisting The ANT as it seeks support for The American National Theatre Festival (2006-2007) and the organization's inaugural season (2007-2008).

***New York, Connecticut, and Chicago Boast Latest
Recruits to The ANT Artistic Advisory Panel***

New York's Ronald Rand—actor, playwright, and publisher of *The Soul of the American Actor* newspaper—recently joined Chicago's top-flight musical director Tom Murray and Anne Keefe, Associate Artistic Director of the prestigious Westport Country Playhouse, in contributing their energy and conviction to the cause of establishing a national theatre for the United States.

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