

**ANT NEWSFLASH**  
*The latest on the establishment of The American National Theatre*  
**(January 29, 2004 – New York, NY)**

*The American National Theatre, Inc. Unveils Future Home...* The ANT presented the architectural model of its proposed three-theatre facility in Lower Manhattan on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at The Odeon restaurant to members of the press and supporters of the organization.

To view the conceptual sketches of the building designed by Richard Olcott, partner in Polshek Partnership Architects, from a program conceived by Steve Friedlander, principal of Auerbach.Pollock.Friedlander, please [click here](#).

To read the official ANT press release on the event, prepared by Joe Trentacosta of Springer Associates PR, please [click here](#).

To read an article on the event published by Daily Variety, please [click here](#).

To read an article on the event published by American Theatre Web, please [click here](#).

To read an article on the event published by TheatreMania.com, please [click here](#)

To read an article on the event published by Newsday, please [click here](#).

To read an article on the event published by Entertainment Design, please [click here](#).

To read an article on the event published by Playbill.com, please [click here](#).

ANT supporters in New York City this week will see the event showcased on NY 1 News "Onstage" program, during the following days and times:

Saturday, January 31: 9:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 1: " " " "

Monday, February 2: 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 3: 12:30 a.m.

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***Paul Newman Makes a Personal Donation in Support of The ANT ...*** The celebrated actor and philanthropist presented American National Theatre, Inc. with a generous, personal check and “every good wish for continued success in your worthy endeavor,” on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

***ANT Video Featuring Harold Prince, Blair Brown, Jennifer Tipton, Kenny Leon and Ed Stern Debuts at [www.AmericanNationalTheatre.org](http://www.AmericanNationalTheatre.org)...*** Five leaders of the American theatre present a compelling and moving case for the establishment of the national theatre in interviews conducted for a documentary film on the creation of The ANT, by filmmaker Chuck Schultz. The five-minute film can be viewed in its entirety or by individual speaker. Click below for the format appropriate to your computer. (Also, look for upcoming interviews with ANT Artistic Advisors Jon DeVries, Richard Nelson and John Rothman.)

***Tony Winners and National Theatre Leaders Add Luster and Wisdom to ANT Advisory Panels...*** Tony winners Hugh Jackman (“The Boy from Oz”) and Donna Murphy (“The King and I,” “Passion”), McCarter Theatre’s Emily Mann (Artistic Director/Playwright/Director) and Mara Isaacs (Producing Director), and multiple-award-winning set/lighting designer Chris Akerlind are the latest additions to The ANT Artistic Advisory Panel. Julie Haber, the veteran production stage manager (A.C.T., South Coast Rep), is the latest addition to The ANT Administrative Advisory Panel. (Click here to view all of our panelists.)

***ANT Re-Tools, Plans for Presenting Series, Fundraiser-Celebration and Website Make-over...*** Plans for The ANT’s first series of “special (theatrical) presentations” are being finalized by the Board of Directors, during June. Also on tap, plans for a fall fundraiser-celebration and great new updates and features at [www.AmericanNationalTheatre.org](http://www.AmericanNationalTheatre.org).

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**The Changing of our name to The National Theater Festival, Inc. on August \_\_\_\_\_, to reflect the mission statement of identifying, presenting and “celebrating”, etc., etc.**

**New Proposal, Timeline and budget, etc.**

**-Addition of Howard Blau as Counsel to the BOD and to the Board. Current listing of BOD members**

**-Addition of Judith Dayken to the administrative advisory panel**

**-Additions to the artistic advisory panel of**

Catherine Filloux, Playwright; New York, NY

Mark Nelson, Actor and Director, New York, NY

Joanne Woodward, Artistic Director, Westport Country Playhouse; Westport, CT

Ed Herendeen, Producing Director, Contemporary American Theater Festival;

Laurie Kennedy, Actor; New York, NY

Stephanie J. Block, Actress; New York, NY

Steph's bio: a native Californian and relocated to NYC as part of the cast of WICKED. After helping develop the title role of The Wicked Witch of the West in Los Angeles, she was cast as the cover for Elphaba in the San Francisco and Broadway productions. Before reaching Broadway, Stephanie was offered the role of Liza Minnelli in The THE BOY FROM OZ opposite Hugh Jackman. She just recently played her debut NYC club act to a "Standing Room Only " house at the legendary Birdland to rave reviews. Before moving to New York City, Stephanie was recognized in such roles as Fanny Brice in FUNNY GIRL (2000 LA Robby Award- Best Actress), Nancy in OLIVER (2001 Austin's Critics' Award- Best Actress), Polly in CRAZY FOR YOU (2002 Ovation award Nomination-Best Actress), Mary Jane in JAME JOYCE'S THE DEAD( Kennedy Center/Ahmanson Theatre) including many others. Her voice can be heard on numerous recordings and jingles including the singing voice of Barbie for Mattel's national commercial campaign. Stephanie is a proud member of the Screen Actor's Guild, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, American Guild of Variety Artists, Actors' Equity Association and Los Angeles' Musical Theatre Guild.

Kent Paul, Director; New York, NY

**-Any publishable agreement with M. Barishnikov.**

