

ANT NEWSFLASH

*The latest on the establishment of The American National Theatre
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Prominent American Philanthropists and Arts Visionaries Recognize ANT Mission with Gifts.... The ANT has so far this year been honored with gifts from three of the country's foremost philanthropists: Agnes Gund, President Emerita of the Museum of Modern Art, and her husband, the prominent New York attorney, Daniel Shapiro; and Paul Newman, the legendary actor and founder of Newman's Own, who again furthered the cause of the organization with his second gift.

www.AmericanNationalTheatre.org Unveils New Look and Content.... In anticipation of its Inaugural Season, The ANT website now has a great new look, with enhanced graphics, more color photos and easy to find features that make navigating the site easier and more fun and informative than ever. (Click-on here to see what's new at www.AmericanNationalTheatre.org)

ANT Steering Committee's Work Moves Organization in Direction of Inaugural Season.... The American National Theatre Steering Committee convened for two sessions on March 14th and 21st at New York's New World Stages. The Committee was comprised of business, civic and theatre leaders, including Jane Alexander, the actress and former Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts; the director, teacher and retired Executive Producer of LAW AND ORDER, Ed Sherin; Robert Zukerman, Head of Theatre for the New York State Council on the Arts; and Hugh Hardy, the celebrated architect and civic leader. The Committee was formed to review the organization's business and presenting plans and budgets, and to make recommendations to the Board based on those reviews. The most significant outcome of the Committee's work is The ANT's plan to present its first season this January.

Broadway Takes Night Off to Give Personal Regards at ANT Salon...

The gorgeous New York home of Frank and Mary Skillern was the place to be on Monday, March 6th for **The American National Theatre Broadway Salon**. The intimate event featured some of Broadway's best talent including Tony winner and 2006 nominee Michael Cerveris (SWEENEY TODD) and Jefferson Award Winner and 2006 Tony nominee Felicia P. Fields (THE COLOR PURPLE). The evening was presented in association with Pat Addiss, the Broadway producer whose recent credits include SHOUT, the Tony Award-Winning BRIDGE AND TUNNEL; CHITA RIVERA: THE DANCER'S LIFE; and LITTLE WOMEN. Mr. Skillern, the retired CEO of American Express Centurion Bank, and his wife provided stunning hospitality in their showplace home, which features an amazing collection of theatrical memorabilia from both sides of the Atlantic.

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ANT Board Welcomes Four New Members.... The American National Theatre Board of Directors recently welcomed four new members to its ranks, the first three of whom were participants on The ANT Steering Committee: Catherine Russell, the actress (PERFECT CRIME) and General Manager of the new Snapple Theater Center; Christine Henry, a director, producer and teacher at New York's Collegiate Academy; Mark Rubinsky, one-time Broadway stage manager and Executive Producer for MJM Creative; and Domenic Romano, a prominent New York attorney.

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