

**What is Theatre Bay Area?**

- A 501(c)(3) nonprofit service organization for theatre and dance in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- One of the largest performing arts service organizations in the nation.

**What is its purpose?**

- Unite, strengthen, promote and advance the theatre community in the greater Bay Area.
- Raise public awareness of the Bay Area's vibrant and diverse theatre scene.

**How does TBA contribute to the theatre and dance community?**

- Supports the creativity of its members and provides access to educational, financial, advertising and professional resources.
- Offers re-granting programs that support the work of small companies and individual artists.
- Produces the annual TBA Awards, a region-wide awards program recognizing outstanding achievement in Bay Area theatre.
- Publishes *Theatre Bay Area*, a glossy magazine that serves as a main source for theatre trends and news in the region.
- Maintains a website ([www.theatrebayarea.org](http://www.theatrebayarea.org)) that serves as an online talent bank, and as a hub for theatre-related job listings, show listings, local and national arts news, and profiles of prominent theatre artists and companies.
- Hosts general auditions each year, where 100 Bay Area theatre companies watch as many as 400 local actors present their work.

**Who is a part of TBA and how did it form?**

- Members include over 300 theatre and dance companies and nearly 2,500 individuals.
- TBA was established in 1976, when American Conservatory Theater, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Magic Theatre and individual artists joined together to share news about shows and auditions.

**What is the significance of having this organization in the Bay Area?**

- Bay Area is the third largest theatre center in the country.
- There are more than 400 theatre companies in the Bay Area in nine counties.
- About 150-200 new plays are premiered in the Bay Area each year.