

OHIO ARTS PRESENTERS NETWORK



Happy New Year from OAPN!



**Oct 16-18, 2017 @ The Renaissance Theatre, Mansfield
30th Annual OAPN Showcase Conference!**

Mark your calendars now for what is sure to be a great conference in Mansfield, OH

hosted by The Renaissance Theatre and with accommodations at the (attached) Holiday Inn. Stay tuned for more information to come!



OAPN Board Retreat

The OAPN Board will be meeting for our annual retreat Jan 24th in Mansfield, OH.

Some of the key areas of discussion will be:

- Overall strategic and financial planning for the organization
- Conference planning with staff from The Renaissance and Holiday Inn
- Block Booking Procedure and Support
- Governance document updates
- Support and engagement at Arts Midwest 2017
- Social and Professional Development opportunities throughout the year
- Website and communication redevelopment

If any members have additional items they would like us to touch upon, please feel free to email josh@oapn.org with your ideas.

Your input is valuable to the growth of OAPN and very much appreciated!



OAPN at Arts Midwest 2017

Arts Midwest's Annual Conference next year will be here in [Columbus](#)! OAPN will plan on being involved in a way that will help efficiently facilitate block booking at this conference. High on that list is finding a space for our presenter's lounge, like we had at this year's OAPN conference, since that seemed a helpful addition.

Please make sure that you are planning ahead for this opportunity, and look for AMW scholarships for attendance, which helped us attend this year.

NOW ACCEPTING SPOTLIGHT SHOWCASE PANEL NOMINEES

"Arts Midwest is seeking potential panelists for the panel-selected

Spotlight Showcases. We are looking for presenters and artist managers/agents who have a strong background in the performing arts and have significant experience with more than one of the major disciplines (dance, family/young audience, music, theater, variety). Panel-selected Spotlight Showcases offer a glimpse of artists' work to the presenting organization and venue representatives who attend the Conference. These showcases receive main-stage exposure and are an integral part of the Conference."

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Resolutions and Announcements for 2017!



61 Jefferson Avenue Columbus, OH (OAPN will be on the second floor)

Its been a nice long holiday break here, and I hope everyone has had a chance to wind down with family and friends the past couple weeks. There sure was a lot of big news in 2016, but the number of amazing artists and arts partners we lost this year has definitely hit home for me. So many of them were big parts of our lives over the years and it just shines a light on how much the arts mean to our collective sense of culture and place in time.

That being the case, I hope you'll join me and add to your list of New Year's resolutions a plan to attend a few more live performances, and to specifically try to invite/attend/share these events with new people. I may be preaching to the choir a bit, but we need to support the arts more than ever right now, and what better way

to do so than to introduce someone to a new arts experience and see where that takes the discussion afterwards.

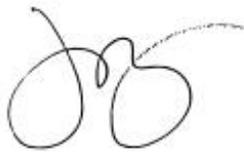
Speaking of new experiences, OAPN will be hitting the ground running in 2017 with some exciting changes!

This week we will be moving to a new office location in downtown Columbus, becoming a tenant of the [Jefferson Avenue Center](#), a campus of historical buildings that house many nonprofit organizations. The campus is located just east of the [Columbus Museum of Art](#) in the [Discovery District](#) of downtown Columbus. OAPN will have a small office on the 2nd floor at [61 Jefferson Avenue](#), just a couple doors south of [Thurber House](#), and will have access to a lovely conference room in the carriage house behind our location for meetings and small gatherings. Our mailing address will remain the same PO Box, however, so you can still send any correspondence to that address.

We have also begun the process of a complete overhaul of our website and email system with [Firespring.org](#). Firespring is a [B Corporation](#) that leverages its profits for social good, and has worked with nonprofits to help fine tune website and marketing strategy for over 20 years. With their help, we hope to ultimately create a much more user friendly and content driven platform for our members in the new year.

With these big changes in the works, please bear with us as communication may be difficult at times in the coming weeks while we both physically and digitally move OAPN locations! This process will start into motion on Jan 3rd, and I'll look forward to keeping everyone updated, working with the Board to fine tune our strategic goals, and for unveiling a new platform for our membership soon!

Many thanks to all for a great 2016, and here's to an even better 2017!

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Many Thanks!

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