



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



OAPN Network Connection

Thursday, November 2, 2017
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Maltz Performing Arts Center,
Case Western Reserve University
1855 Ansel Road
Cleveland, Oh 44106

Network Connection Flyer



2018 Showcase Conference

*Plans for an exciting and memorable
OAPN 2018 Block Booking Conference in Process*

The OAPN Board has formed conference committees for the various aspects of the first-ever OAPN Block Booking Conference scheduled for November 2018. The committees are working hard to create a conference which will focus on the block booking process, allowing both presenters and artists to communicate and work better together. There will be opportunities for agents to meet with presenters and pitch their artists; there will be showcases where artists or their representatives will be able to address the audience; there will be professional development sessions geared to all segments of the OAPN membership. The Exhibit Hall will be much more than pipe-and-drape and the same old same old. We are working on implementing some creative ideas to facilitate inclusion of various booth configurations, conversation areas, “play” areas, and refreshments.

Now is the perfect time to maintain or renew your OAPN membership and be a part of our new direction. We will reveal the OAPN Block Booking Process at the 2018 Conference and OAPN members will be privy to all of the approved procedures as they are adopted in the next year. Be a part of it!

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MEMBERS BEWARE!

Please make sure your organization/ membership information is up to date with the right contact information.



Board Member Spotlight



Gary Minyard
OAPN Vice President,
Vice President - Education and Engagement
Victoria Theatre Association

As an educational leader, Gary believes that participation in the arts is an essential component of every citizen's well-being. At Victoria Theatre Association, he has created many community-based arts initiatives including *Superhero Girls Like Me*, *Motown in the Gem City*, *Radio Waves*, and *Guitars: A Bridge To Broadway*. Gary also teaches a new course for education and theatre majors at the University of Dayton called "Theatre In Education." He stays active directing and choreographing at a variety of colleges in the Dayton region. Before moving to Dayton, he served as the artistic director at Pennsylvania Youth Theatre (PYT) in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. While at PYT, he created several new educational initiatives including The Invisible Dance Company, *On The Nose: Pinocchio's Life Lessons*, and *Pie In The Face Week*. Gary also created the curriculum and pedagogy in the PYT School of Performing Arts which boasts talented faculty teaching over 400 young people techniques in acting, singing and dancing all year long. Before PYT, Gary served as the Director of Education at Phoenix Theatre, a LORT-D professional theatre in Phoenix, Arizona, running PT Connections- the education wing of the theatre. At Phoenix Theatre, he helped create educational programming including Partners That Heal, which sends professional actors to a local children's hospital to help alleviate the fears of being in a hospital. Other programs include the Kinder Series, which are original plays written for

toddlers from 1-6 years old, and the 2nd Draft Series where playwrights are given the opportunity to get their play to a “second draft.” In partnership with the NotMyKid organization, Gary also created *What’s OUR Story*, a devised play project with high school students who are impacted by the stories of the NotMyKid speakers.

Gary is also an award-winning director and movement choreographer who graduated with an MFA in Theatre for Youth and Directing from Arizona State University. Gary also studied at the University of Houston and trained at the L'Ecole Internationale de Théâtre Jacques Lecoq in Paris. Gary is currently the Past President of the American Alliance for Theatre & Education (AATE). He is a founding member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Arts Alliance (EPAA), an active member of Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA-USA), the Society of American Fight Directors (SAFD) and Theatre Communications Group (TCG). He has also toured extensively as an actor, director, and teaching artist through 48 of our 50 states with several professional theatre companies.

What's your favorite Ohio venue to see a show?

I have to be selfish and say the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center here in Dayton. It’s a gorgeous venue, complete with the best production crew in the country, state of the art amenities, and palm trees...yes, palm trees.

Who is your favorite Ohio up & coming artist?

There are some great Ohio artists out there, and one of my favorites is Adelee and Gentry. This sister duo makes great original music. I saw them for the first time showcasing at an OAPN conference and thought they were great!

Thank you Gary for serving the Ohio Arts Professionals Network!

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