

New Year Greetings to Chicago theater enthusiasts!

Despite all the initial upheaval the pandemic created for the arts community, we wanted to share what a joy it is to be safely back in our theater seats supporting and celebrating Chicago theater artists. We applaud all the ways that theaters have been working to make it safe to return to the stage, including those companies making the difficult decisions to postpone, cancel and delay productions.

At the Jeff Awards, we remain committed to supporting the creative work and recognizing theater excellence in the days, months and years ahead. In the New Year, there are a few things we wanted to bring to your attention:

Chicago Theatre Week

This wonderful celebration of live theater is back for 2022! We wanted to ensure you knew all about what's coming up February 17-27 with many theaters in Chicagoland and hope that you and your followers will support one of the many performances included in this year's League of Chicago Theatres and Choose Chicago sponsored event. Check out more details at www.choosechicago.com/chicago-theatre/week/ and share information with your friends and colleagues on specially priced tickets.

Jeff Awards Equity and Non-Equity Wing Chairs

We have new representatives of our organization working directly with each wing of the Chicago theater community to coordinate Jeff Awards participation. Theater administrators should have received an introduction from members Paulette Petretti, Equity Chair (equitywing@jeffawards.org), and AJ Wright, Non-Equity Chair (nonequitywing@jeffawards.org). To help streamline communication, theater business and artistic managers should direct questions and requests to their respective wing chairs.

Membership

Our committee remains on the lookout for experienced and diverse theater artists and enthusiasts to become new members. We welcome all interested and qualified candidates, regardless of sex, age, ethnicity, disability, race, color, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity, or any other basis prohibited by law.

To learn more, take a look at our overview on [membership](#). You can also check out our brief membership application online via this [link](#). Share this information with anyone you think may be interested. Once an application is reviewed, we will contact you and this may include an interview with the membership committee. If you have questions, need more information or have recommendations on prospective candidates, please reach out to us at membership@jeffawards.com.

Watch for Upcoming Programs

The first of our Theater Excellence Panel Discussions, free and open to the public, will be held in a few weeks. Watch for an upcoming email with details on speakers and how to access the program.

About The Jeff Awards

The Jeff Awards is one of the most active and engaged theater awards organizations in the country evaluating hundreds of theatrical productions annually and holding two awards ceremonies highlighting work over the past Equity and Non-Equity seasons. Through our recommendations, awards, and honors we help foster the growth of companies, encourage artists, bring new appreciation to diverse storytelling, and cultivate civic pride in the achievements of the Chicago theater community. For more information, visit www.jeffawards.org.



