

## ***Original Music for the Stage kicks off 2022 Theater Excellence Education Programs***

*The Jeff Awards hosts live panel discussion with award-winning composers Monday, January 31*

As part of its ongoing educational commitment to membership and the general public, The Joseph Jefferson Awards presents its first program of 2022 featuring musical artists discussing composing original music for stage productions. The free program, open to the community, begins at 7:30pm on January 31, 2022, at the Greenhouse Theater Center (2257 North Lincoln Avenue in Chicago).

The panel includes previous Jeff Award winners Natasha Bogojevich, Orbert Davis, and Andrew Hansen. They will discuss theater excellence from perspectives as composers and theater artists.

***Natasha Bogojevich*** is a faculty member of DePaul School of Music with an acting and musical background that consists of various interrelated activities in the area of traditional and electronic music, multimedia, performance art and sound design for visual media (theater, film, TV and commercials). Her work has been presented at prestigious international music festivals, as part of Chicago theater productions, and in indie feature films.

***Orbert Davis*** is an Emmy-winning trumpeter, educator and composer with numerous commissions in major film and television projects. He is also the co-founder, conductor and artistic director of the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, a 55+ piece symphonic jazz orchestra dedicated to bringing together diverse audiences through multi-genre projects.

***Andrew Hansen*** has composed music for Goodman Theatre's *A Christmas Carol* for the past 15 seasons. He is an Associate Artist with

TimeLine Theatre Company and has worked with many other Chicago companies including Writers Theatre, Northlight Theatre, and Lifeline Theatre. Regionally, his work has been performed at American Players Theatre, Montana Shakespeare In The Parks, Indiana Repertory Theatre, Summer Shakespeare at Notre Dame, and Project Runway.

Following COVID-19 safety guidelines in place at performance venues throughout Chicago, attendees must show proof of vaccination including a booster and a photo ID at the door as well as wear a mask while in the building and throughout the program. The free program is open to the public and reservations are not required.

For more information, contact [chair@jeffawards.org](mailto:chair@jeffawards.org).

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### 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](http://www.jeffawards.org).

