



The International Committee of the
League of Professional Theatre Women
is pleased to announce the

Official Nominees for the 2017 Gilder/Coigney International Theatre Award

The Gilder/Coigney International Theatre Award was established in 2011 in honor of **Rosamond Gilder** and **Martha Coigney**, two legendary theatre women whose work on the international stage proved that theatre knows no boundaries. Presented every three years, this Award acknowledges the **exceptional work of theatre women around the world** and aims to make a difference in the life and career of an international woman theatre artist. **Odile Gakire Katese** from Rwanda was the inaugural recipient of the G/C Award in 2011. **Patricia Ariza** from Colombia received the award in 2014.

Twenty women have been nominated for the 2017 G/C Award: Abir Aly (Egypt), Lina Attel (Jordan), Jalila Baccar (Tunisia), Sarah Berger (England), Patricia Benecke (Germany), Sabina Berman (Mexico), Kate Cherry (Australia), Mihaela Dragan (Romania), Drenia Frederick (St. Lucia), Elena Gremina (Russia), Brigitte Helbling (Switzerland), Natalia Kaliada (Belarus), Carmina Narro (Mexico), Julia Pascal (England), Marwa Radwan Mohamed (Egypt), Jesusa Rodriguez (Mexico), Adelheid Roosen (The Netherlands), Nan Van Houte (The Netherlands), Ilire Vinca (Kosovo), Linda Wise (France).

Nominees are evaluated on five criteria. They must have **achieved artistic excellence**, particularly in the exploration of new forms of theatrical expression; have received **recognition of their work** at home and abroad; demonstrate a **commitment to the support of women** through theatrical practice; have a **body of work that inspires and educates** US theatre practitioners with new ideas from abroad; and be able to **leverage greater recognition and opportunity** via receipt of the G/C Award. **The winner will be announced in early November 2016.**

The G/C Award includes a \$1000 cash prize and all travel expenses to New York City for the recipient to be honored. A series of special events surround the award ceremony to showcase the winner's work, to provide artistic and professional networking opportunities, and to celebrate all of the nominees. The next Award will be presented on **October 23, 2017** at the Martin E. Segal Theatre Center/CUNY.

The Martin E. Segal Theatre Center at The Graduate Center, CUNY occupies a place unlike any other organization in New York City: in the space between public arts presenter, academic publisher, and research institute. For more than fifteen years, The Segal Center has bridged the academic and professional performing arts communities, fostering dialogue between playwrights, directors, designers, choreographers, filmmakers, critics, and academics from New York and around the world. (www.theseagalcenter.org).



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