

THEATRE RHINOCEROS –

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THEATRE RHINOCEROS SIGNS NEW CONTRACT WITH ACTORS' EQUITY ASSOCIATION

Theatre Rhinoceros has forged a new partnership with Actors' Equity Association (AEA), the U.S. labor union that represents more than 50,000 Actors and Stage Managers. The Rhino and AEA have signed a Modified Bay Area Theatre contract, making it easier for members of the actors' union to audition for and participate in Rhino productions.

Ethan Schwartz, AEA Business Rep, said, "Actors' Equity is delighted to be partnering with Theatre Rhinoceros as they continue their success as the longest running queer theatre in the world. I am so proud and excited to be working with this dynamic organization." Rhino Exec. Director, John Fisher, added, "We've had so many great Equity actors on our stages as Guest Artists, now they can be a more regular feature of our programming. We're especially grateful because it will allow us to bring back some AEA Rhino regulars more often."

Hi-Res Photos and more information on Theatre Rhinoceros can be obtained at www.therhino.org. Hi res photo of Ethan Schwartz and John Fisher (photo by David Wilson) attached.