THE BLANK THEATRE
An Introduction

“One of the Best Theatre Companies in America.”
– The Drama League

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The Blank is a 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation
We are a collection of artists who have come together to create new works for the theatre.

The Blank has won every major “Best Production” Award in Los Angeles in our 25 years.

The Blank has professionally produced 272 plays by playwrights aged 9 to 19.

The Blank has developed and produced close to 600 new plays.

The Blank was presented with a resolution by the LA City Council to honor our excellence and commitment to the community.

We want to reawaken theatre as a national pastime, and provide our community with the notion that living, breathing glimpses into human experience are a crucial part of the cultural discourse of a city and should be accessible to everyone.
Dear Friend,

Each of us plays a leadership role with The Blank Theatre because as artists, audience and donors we've experienced what The Blank consistently offers.

We've shared the explosive, life-changing sense of achievement of a teenage playwright viewing his or her first play performed by professionals. We've felt the intense hush of an audience riveted by a provocative, intensely performed play on our mainstage. We've joined in the impassioned exchanges between actors, playwrights, directors and audience after a staged reading of a new play. This is more than entertainment, more than exciting theatre -- The Blank is a persistent, thriving voice in the cultural fabric of our city at a critical moment.

In this packet you'll find more detailed descriptions of The Blank’s programs and productions. You’ll also read about numerous artists of all ages who have gone on from their success with The Blank to national and international achievement. You'll see how engagement between The Blank and the City has led to a stable core of live theatre where film, TV and new media are dominant, and how that engagement has transformed neighborhoods.

But theatre is never easy to sustain, and intimate theatre in Los Angeles has never been more challenged. The Blank has taken a leadership role in recent struggles, organizing small theatres to resolve conflicts with Actors Equity, successfully lobbying the city to designate Theatre Row as an official district, and working with developers and property owners to secure more spaces for live theatre. As The Blank celebrates its first 25 years, we're working to ensure that it thrives into its “second generation.”

Will you help us by making a significant gift and becoming a Major Donor? We are requesting support as multi-year or one-time gifts. Naming opportunities for our celebrated programs are available in connection with commensurate contributions: the nationally celebrated Blank Theatre Young Playwrights Festival (going into its 24th year), The Blank Theatre Living Room Series – developing new plays, our Mainstage Productions and our Apprenticeship Program. Please join the Blank Family.

Sincerely,

Daniel Henning
Founding Artistic Director

Noah Wyle
Artistic Producer, Chairman
WHO WE ARE

The Blank has won every major “Best Production” Award in Los Angeles in our 25 years.

The Blank has professionally produced 272 plays by playwrights aged 9 to 19.

The Blank is dedicated to new work and has developed and produced close to 600 new plays.

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WHAT WE DO

We produce award-winning critically acclaimed plays and musicals on our Mainstage

We educate emerging and established artists through our arts incubator programs

We create between 40 and 50 new works each year

We lead through unique initiatives created to bring our community together
The Blank’s Mainstage productions have garnered rave reviews, audience acclaim, and numerous theatrical honors.

The Blank most recently won the Broadway World Award for “Best Play – Los Angeles” and was nominated for 4 L.A. Weekly Awards including “Production of the Year”.

The Blank has won every “Best Production” Award in town:

- 5 Ovation Awards including “Best Musical”
- 13 LA Drama Critics Circle Awards including “Outstanding Production”
- 8 LA Weekly Awards including “Musical of the Year”
- 4 NAACP Theatre Awards including “Best Production”
- 20 Back Stage Garland Awards including “Best Production”
The Young Playwrights Festival is the only nationwide professional playwriting competition for writers ages 9 to 19.

In 23 years we have produced 272 plays by young playwrights.

Nowhere else in the nation can young playwrights receive the prize of seeing their vision come to life on stage in a professional production featuring known actors from film, television and theatre.

Our Young Playwrights Winners have gone on to become Broadway Librettists, Television Creator/Showrunners, Rock Stars and even a Pulitzer Prize Finalist.
On Monday nights we produce a “workshop” staged reading of a new play with a week of rehearsals.

New plays and playwrights are given a safe and nurturing environment where they can explore their emerging vision and present it to an eager audience who support new plays.

The plays we develop have consistently gone on to The Blank’s Mainstage as well as impressive venues throughout the world, winning awards and audience acclaim along the way.

Neil Benjamin’s play THE EXPLORER’S CLUB won the NY Outer Critics Circle Award for “Outstanding New Off-Broadway Play,” when produced by Manhattan Theatre Club after two developmental workshops in our Living Room Series.
THE TEAM

Daniel Henning  Noah Wyle
  Founding Artistic Director  Artistic Producer

Angel Parker  CFO
Laura Bousman  Secretary
Paulo Andres  Fundraising Chair
Rick Baumgartner
Pekka Kauranen
Jack Kenny
Susie Landau Finch
Barbara Ligeti
Angela Oh
Priscilla Pesci
Marcia Seligson
Troy Thompsen
Ken Werther
WHAT YOU CAN DO

Join The Blank Family and help create the future of the theatre

Give The Blank a significant gift: multi-year or one-time

Watch your investment grow into new plays and new artists

Make a difference in the community through the power of live theatre

We would be thrilled to have you part of The Blank Family

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