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**BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE TO RECEIVE \$50,000 GRANT FROM
THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
Gift supports The Ground Floor: Berkeley Rep's Center for the Creation and Development
of New Work**

February 13, 2019- Today the National Endowment for the Arts Acting Chairman Mary Anne Carter has approved more than \$27 million in grants as part of the Arts Endowment's first major funding announcement for fiscal year 2019. Included in this announcement is an Art Works grant of \$50,000 to Berkeley Repertory Theatre for The Ground Floor: Berkeley Rep's Center for the Creation and Development of New Work. Art Works is the Arts Endowment's principal grant making program. The agency received 1,605 Art Works applications for this round of grant making, and will award 972 grants in this category.

"The arts enhance our communities and our lives, and we look forward to seeing these projects take place throughout the country, giving Americans opportunities to learn, to create, to heal, and to celebrate," said Mary Anne Carter, acting chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

"Berkeley Rep is so honored by the continued support of the NEA," says Susan Medak, managing director. "It is wonderful, in our 50th season, to have been able to look back at so many years of support from the NEA, and it is deeply gratifying to know that they continue to support the work we do."

ABOUT THE GROUND FLOOR

The Ground Floor: Berkeley Rep's Center for the Creation and Development of New Work seeks to enhance and expand the processes by which Berkeley Rep makes theatre. We strive to offer the most flexible environment possible for artists to come together and share ideas in person, to receive customized support on each individual project and to work together across disciplines. We will maintain an ongoing conversation with our audience and community about the work we are creating, and we will champion the spirit of innovation so inherent to Berkeley and the Bay Area.

For more information on this National Endowment for the Arts grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news.

ABOUT BERKELEY REP

Berkeley Repertory Theatre has grown from a storefront stage to an international leader in innovative theatre. Known for its ambition, relevance, and excellence, as well as its adventurous audience, the nonprofit has provided a welcoming home for emerging and established artists since 1968. Over 5.5 million people have enjoyed nearly 500 shows at Berkeley Rep, which have gone on to win five Tony Awards, seven Obie Awards, nine Drama Desk Awards, one Grammy Award, and many other honors. Berkeley Rep received the Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre in 1997. Its School of Theatre engages and educates some 20,000 people a year and helps build the audiences of tomorrow with its nationally recognized teen programs. Berkeley Rep's bustling facilities – which also include the 400-seat Peet's Theatre, the 600-seat Roda Theatre, and a spacious campus in West Berkeley – are helping revitalize a renowned city. Be a Rep. Learn more at berkeleyrep.org

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