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Theatre Communications Group

THEATRE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP (TCG), New York City, received a two-year grant of \$38,000 in support of the National Theatre Criticism/Affiliated Writers Program for American Theatre magazine. TCG strengthens, nurtures and promotes the professional nonprofit American theater. It serves over 430 member theaters and over 17,000 individual members. The Affiliated Writers Program is designed to develop a high level of arts writing/cultural journalism for American Theatre magazine. Through an open application and competitive review process, TCG identifies three cultural writers from New York City and Minnesota each year and offers them stipends, travel assistance, and other services to write for American Theatre. The program not only enables the magazine to greatly expand its coverage of the national theater scene, it simultaneously encourages a new generation of cultural reporters and critics. The program aims to develop a pool of theater writers who have the depth of experience and breadth of perspective to stimulate critical thought and lively debate on the contemporary American theater; and to relate that theater to its historical, social, and cultural surroundings.