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Lantern Theater Company Announces Election of Stephen Field to Board of Directors

PHILADELPHIA – <u>Lantern Theater Company</u> is pleased to announce the election of **Stephen Field** to its Board of Directors. Field earned his M.A. in Public Policy from Duke University and his B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley with majors in Communications and Sociology. He has an independent market research and consulting practice in Philadelphia.

"The election of Stephen Field adds a well-regarded and seasoned marketing executive to our board," said Lantern Board President **Stacy Maria Dutton**. "We welcome his goodwill and expertise, and anticipate that he will help us grow our subscriber and donor base. Stephen brings a deep knowledge of and dedication to literature and the theater arts to our board. He is also committed to helping us increase the diversity of our audience and to increasing the positive impact we have on the Philadelphia community through our Mainstage productions and our award-winning education program, *Illumination*."

Lantern Theater Company is currently producing its 20th anniversary season with a record number of subscribers, its largest operating budget ever and a growing community of theater artists engaged in its productions and audience engagement events. The company is on target to nearly double student participation in *Illumination*, an integral part of the company's mission and community engagement.

About Lantern Theater Company

Lantern Theater Company seeks to be a vibrant, contributing member of its community, exposing audiences to great theater, inviting participation in dialogue and discussion, educating audiences about artistic and social issues, and employing theatrical language and techniques to enrich learning in the classroom. The Lantern reaches a loyal and growing audience of over 18,000 each season through three award-winning core programs: *Mainstage Productions* that are smart, fun, engaging, and connected to the modern world; *Lantern Theater Company: In Conversation*, its audience engagement series that offers an insider's look at each production; and *Illumination*, its innovative education program that engages students and adults in the world of theater, nurturing their artistic expression through in-school residencies, student matinee performances, and teaching artist training for after-school programs throughout the city.

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