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## **Amphibian Stage Productions Receives Neighborhood Revitalization Award from the Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors**

**Architect Gregory S. Ibañez, FAIA accepted the award on behalf of  
the company at a ceremony on May 8, 2013**

May 8, 2013 (Fort Worth, TX) -- Amphibian Stage Productions was thrilled to receive the Neighborhood Revitalization Award for a commercial property today from the Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors. Project architect and Chairman of the Board at Amphibian Stage Productions, Gregory S. Ibañez, FAIA accepted the award at the association's May 8 luncheon on behalf of the non-profit company.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Award is presented quarterly by the Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors to a property owner or investor who has enhanced the community by making noticeable exterior improvements to his or her property. The award may be presented to a commercial or residential property owner.

Amphibian Stage Productions received this honor in recognition of the renovation of its new home at 120 South Main Street in Fort Worth's Near Southside neighborhood. The company purchased the property in May of 2012 and completely renovated the space, which formerly housed the dance club Club Mystique. Local architect Gregory S. Ibañez, FAIA of Ibañez Architecture designed the new space and donated his services to the project. Amphibian opened the renovated theatre to the public in October of 2012.

Mr. Ibañez said, "It's only fitting that the home of Amphibian Stage Productions be honored, given that their stage work is recognized annually for artistic merit. As an architect you always hope to make a difference in the community and this project certainly does that."

### **About 120 South Main Street**

Already slated to be the next vibrant area in Fort Worth – much like Magnolia and West Seventh Street – the South Main Corridor is ideal for housing Amphibian's permanent home, and the company is thrilled to be an important participant in the area's revitalization.

The building at 120 South Main Street includes a flexible black box theatre, an open lobby, dressing rooms, a green room, offices, a scene shop, storage space, and free parking for patrons of the theatre.

The new space allows Amphibian to expand its programming to include additional main stage productions and staged readings, as well as workshops and outreach programs. Amphibian's new home is becoming a cultural destination for artists, audiences, and members of the community to



share in the creation of new and timeless works.

To date, Amphibian has raised over 80% of the funds for its Capital Campaign. Stage and screen actor **Kevin Kline**, a longtime supporter of the company, has stepped in as Capital Campaign Chair to assist in raising an additional \$364,000 to complete the project. Donors interested in supporting the Capital Campaign can call 817-923-3012 or visit [www.amphibianproductions.org](http://www.amphibianproductions.org) to contribute.

### **About Amphibian Stage Productions**

Amphibian Stage Productions is a non-profit theatre company founded in 2000 by three alumni of TCU's Department of Theatre who strive to produce innovative and engaging works of theatre that challenge the way we see the world around us. Now in its fourteenth season, Amphibian has produced numerous groundbreaking and challenging plays (some regional premieres, others US or world premieres) that foster a deeper understanding of ourselves as members of the global community. The company is widely recognized for its stylistically and thematically varied scripts.

Committed to nurturing young and diverse audiences, Amphibian has developed a strong internship program, a summer acting workshop for teens, and a dynamic outreach project, *Tad-Poles*, that is steadily increasing the company's visibility and following. The group travels to schools and community centers, performing and spreading a message of multicultural collaboration and tolerance.

Amphibian is generously funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, Texas Commission on the Arts, the Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, Ann L. & Carol Greene Rhodes Charitable Trust, Amon G. Carter Foundation, The Ryan Foundation, Alcon Foundation, Pangburn Foundation, William E. Scott Foundation, Wells Fargo Bank, Berlene T. and Jarrell R. Milburn, Mrs. Betty J. Sanders, Virginia Hobbs Charitable Trust, the Hattie Mae Lesley Foundation, Out of Nowhere Website Design, Bates Container, Pier 1 Imports, and the Devonian Society, a group of Amphibian's devoted donors who are proud to be the force behind nurturing the next generation of artists and audiences.

### **About the Greater Fort Worth Association of REALTORS®**

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