

**GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FORMS SPECIAL COMMITTEE**  
**TO STUDY FUTURE LEADERSHIP OF THE THEATER**

*Chairman of the Board Frank Mancuso  
Assumes Role of Interim Producing Director*

**LOS ANGELES, November 11, 2011** — In light of the recent passing of Geffen Playhouse founder and Producing Director Gil Cates, the Geffen Playhouse board convened a special executive session on November 10, 2011, during which the members formed a special committee. This committee will conduct a study and will ultimately provide insight in regards to future decisions about the theater's executive structure and leadership.

In addition, the members of the board requested that current Chairman of the Board Frank Mancuso assume the role of interim producing director effective immediately.

"I am assuming this position to preserve the spirit, passion and unparalleled work that my dear friend Gil put into the Geffen Playhouse," said Frank Mancuso. "It is an honor to help keep Gil's vision alive while the committee works to discover the best leadership structure for the theater moving forward."

The final order of business was to extend a seat on the board to film/television producer Gil Cates, Jr., the youngest son of Gil Cates, and to confirm him as the newest member of the Geffen Playhouse Board of Directors.

**ABOUT THE GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE**

The Geffen Playhouse has been a hub of the Los Angeles theater scene since opening its doors in 1995. Noted for its intimacy and celebrated for its world-renowned mix of classic and contemporary plays, provocative new works and second productions, the Geffen Playhouse continues to present a body of work that has garnered national recognition. Named in honor of entertainment mogul and philanthropist David Geffen, who made the initial donation to the theater, the company was founded by Gilbert Cates, and is currently helmed by Artistic Director Randall Arney, Managing Director Ken Novice and Chairman of the Board Frank Mancuso. Proudly associated with UCLA, the Geffen Playhouse welcomes an audience of more than 130,000 each year, and maintains an extensive education and outreach program, designed to engage young people and the community at large in the arts. For more information, please visit [geffenplayhouse.com](http://geffenplayhouse.com).

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