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CO-FOUNDER RETURNS AS JUBILEE'S HONORARY CHAIR FOR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA

Fort Worth, TX – Jubilee Theatre's co-founder Marian Eastman will serve as honorary chair for Jubilee's Annual Spring Fundraiser on March 15, 2019 at Ashton Depot in downtown Fort Worth. Although Eastman is no longer active in the day-to-day operation of Jubilee her passion for seeing the theatre continuing to thrive is just as fervent as when her late husband and co-founder, Rudy Eastman, was at the helm of this rich and historic cultural arts institution.

During the Gala, Jubilee extends two honors to individuals. The first is the Eastman Legacy Award. This year's recipients are Joe and Mary Dulle. The Dulles are longtime supporters of Jubilee Theatre. Their love of the performing arts has taken the Dulles the world over; however, it was their friendship with the Eastmans and their belief in Rudy's vision for an African American theatre in Fort Worth which garnered the couple's devotion and support over the years. Mr. Dulle chaired a campaign to obtain challenge grant funds from the Amon Carter Foundation for the renovation of a storefront in Polytechnic Heights to be used by Jubilee Theatre with the help of his wife.

Recipient of the Eastman Visionary Award goes to DFW playwright, Jonathan Norton. Jonathan's work has been produced or developed by Dallas Theater Center, PlayPenn, InterAct Theatre Company, Pyramid Theatre Company, Bishop Arts Theatre Center, African American Repertory Theatre, Soul Rep Theatre, Kitchen Dog Theater, Undermain Theatre, South Dallas Cultural Center, the National Performance Network, and the National New Play Network. Jonathan's play *Mississippi Goddamn* was a Finalist for the Harold and Mimi Steinberg/ATCA New Play Award and won the 2016 M. Elizabeth Osborn Award given by the American Theatre Critics Association. His play, *Penny Candy*, will receive its world premiere at the Dallas Theater Center in June 2019. January 2019, Norton began a two-year appointment as Playwright in Residence at the Dallas Theater Center.

Jubilee's success is largely credited to the contributions of loyal supporters. Annually, the funds go directly to supporting the general operations of Jubilee Theatre. Your much-needed support will enable us to perpetuate, cultivate as well as innovate future theatrical productions on the Jubilee stage. Table sponsorships and tickets may be reserved for this decadent event dinner, live musical entertainment, auction and raffle by calling 817.338.4204 ext. 3 or emailing choward@jubileetheatre.org.

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