



## Quotes from California Leaders

### **Gavin Newsom, Governor of California**

“Channeling an unparalleled spirit of community, creativity and innovation, Pasadena Playhouse has been redefining theater arts throughout the country and beyond for more than a century,” said California Governor Gavin Newsom. “This much-deserved award recognizes the extraordinary legacy of this world-renowned institution and all the dedicated artists, theatermakers and supporters who help bring to life impactful stories for the ages.”

### **Judy Chu, Congresswoman**

"Pasadena Playhouse is a true community gem that, as the official State Theater of California, has been bringing people together from all walks of life for more than a century. This award recognizes the incredible Broadway-level artistry and educational impact of this local organization, and I'm thrilled to have worked with, and attended performances at, the Playhouse for decades. Congratulations to the Board of Trustees, artists, volunteers, staff and audiences throughout the many decades who have created one of the best theater communities in the country."

### **Chris Holden, California State Assemblymember**

“This congratulations serves as a testament to the power of perseverance, the importance of preserving and honoring history, and the resilience of a community that stands together. For years, I’ve fought alongside members of Pasadena Playhouse to keep this community asset alive and thriving, so it is with great sentiment that I say bravo! Pasadena Playhouse has poured into our community even when their glass was not completely full. That is why I cannot think of a better recipient of the 2023 Regional Theatre Tony Award than California’s very own Official State Theater. It’s truly a privilege to have this gem in my district!”

### **Anthony Portantino, California State Senator**

“The iconic Pasadena Playhouse is more than the State Theater of California: it’s a community treasure and a creative and civic force. Receiving a Tony for its body of work and influence on the Los Angeles creative performance scene is exciting, deserving and a wonderful celebration. I am honored to represent this amazing place.”



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### **Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, 5th District**

“This Tony shows that the beloved Pasadena Playhouse has an equally stellar reputation on a global stage as it does in the surrounding community,” Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger said. “Especially as the performing arts emerge from the pandemic—one of the hardest hit sectors in the nation—this recognition is a powerful testament to the strong leadership at the Playhouse, the incredible talent on stage, and the outpouring of support from patrons. I’m proud to support the Pasadena Playhouse’s extraordinary performances and exceptional educational programs and am glad to see they are receiving this well-deserved recognition.”

### **Victor M. Gordo, Mayor of Pasadena**

“This year marks the 106th anniversary of the original founding of Pasadena Playhouse, and there is no more appropriate recognition for more than a century of community theater than the Regional Tony Award. Every year the Playhouse provides invaluable resources and opportunities for artists in Pasadena, Southern California, and the world, by bringing the theater to the community and the community to the theater.”

### **Jason Lyon, Pasadena City Councilmember, District 7**

“For nearly a century, Pasadena Playhouse has been a celebrated landmark in Council District 7 and a jewel in the crown of Pasadena, and for more than 85 of those years, it has been the State Theater of California. Now, with the honor of the 2023 Regional Tony Award, the Playhouse assumes its rightful place as a cultural institution of national significance. I could not be prouder that the rest of the country is finally discovering what we Pasadenans have known for 106 years: Pasadena Playhouse is an American treasure. Huge congratulations to Danny Feldman and the entire Playhouse team.”