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Antaeus Announces Leadership Transition: Joe Witt Named Executive Director

GLENDALE, Calif. (June 1, 2026) — Antaeus Theatre Company has named **Joe Witt** as its new Executive Director following an extensive search. He succeeds long-time Producing Executive Director **Ana Rose O'Halloran** who transitioned to the Arizona Theatre Company at the end of 2025. He joins Artistic Director **Nike Doukas** to form an exciting leadership team as Antaeus heads into its 35th Season of producing timely and timeless works.

Joe Witt is a producer and arts administrator with over two decades of experience presenting theater, leading nonprofit arts organizations, and managing national touring companies. His career includes leadership roles with The Pasadena Playhouse, The Actors' Gang, Odyssey Theatre Ensemble, The Jim Henson Company, and numerous commercial and nonprofit productions across the United States and internationally. He has overseen large-scale artistic, operational, and fundraising initiatives, while guiding organizations through periods of growth and transition. Joe holds an MFA from Columbia University and a BA from Duke University.

"I am thrilled to join Antaeus Theatre Company," says Witt. "As a longstanding fan of this remarkable organization, I've witnessed firsthand the extraordinary talent of their ensemble of performers and creatives, and can't wait to begin working alongside its incredible staff and board, creating impactful theater for the many diverse communities it serves, particularly during their 35th Anniversary Season!"

"We are delighted to welcome Joe to Antaeus," says Kiki Ramos Gindler, Chairperson of the Board of Directors. "His deep experience in theater leadership, his commitment to financial responsibility, and his clear vision of the future were all equally compelling to our Board. He is passionate about supporting Nike's artistic vision for the Company, and we look forward to a long and meaningful partnership."

Artistic Director Nike Doukas shares "I couldn't be happier to welcome Joe Witt to Antaeus. He brings a world of experience with him; having worked in almost every arena of professional theater and particularly both large and intimate theater venues in Los Angeles, he will bring expertise and new insights to our organization. He is passionate about what we do, and is exactly the right person to lead the way as we begin to expand our sense of what is possible in the years to come."

Antaeus Theatre Company, founded in 1991, is an actor-driven theater company dedicated to exploring and producing timely and timeless works, grounded in a

passion for the classics. Antaeus illuminates diverse human experiences through performance, training, and outreach, believing in the transformative power of live theater.

For more information about the Antaeus Theatre Company, visit www.antaeus.org.

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