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**VIRGINIA PREMIERE THEATRE ACCEPTED INTO  
THEATRE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**

Virginia Premiere Theatre (VPT) has recently been accepted into the Theatre Communications Group (TCG). Established in 1961, TCG is a national network of professional, not-for-profit theatres whose mission is “to strengthen, nurture and promote the professional not-for-profit American theatre.” ([www.tcg.org](http://www.tcg.org)) TCG has more than 400 theatre members in 47 states, 17,000 individual members, 100 Trustee Leadership Network members and a growing number of University, Funder and Business Affiliates. The Group represents a wide array of institutional sizes and structures. TCG offers its members programming and services that “increase the organizational efficiency of their member theatres, cultivate and celebrate the artistic talent and achievements of the field and promote a larger public understanding of and appreciation for the theatre field.” A publishing organization as well, TCG Publications produces *American Theatre* magazine, the ARTSEARCH employment bulletin, and publishes plays, translations and theatre reference books. TCG is the nation's largest not-for-profit publisher of dramatic literature, with ten Pulitzer-prize winning plays on their booklist.

Virginia Premiere Theatre was originally incorporated as Playwrights Premiere Theatre in 2002 ([www.vptheatre.com](http://www.vptheatre.com)) and is the not-for-profit, professional company in residence at the Kimball Theatre on the Duke of Gloucester Street in Williamsburg. VPT is one of the few companies in the Commonwealth that focus on developing new theatrical work, and they join the Virginia Stage Company as the only other TCG member in Southeastern Virginia.