ATCANY2026 | Annual Conference 2026

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 13, 2026
venue: Club 135 by Industrious |
135 West 50th Street

9:00 am PROGRAM OPENING:
Amanda Finn

10:00 am PERSPECTIVES IN CRITICISM.
Chris Jones.
ATCA host: David John Chávez.

11:00 am WORKSHOP: Inside an Audition with Allan K. Washington.
Coaching session with actors Jake Letts, Gail Paine, and Pax.
ATCA host: Lou Harry.

12 noon BREAK: Lunch provided.

1:00 pm SESSION:. The Heart of *The Heart*.
Christopher Ashley, Kait Kerrigan, Anne Eisendrath, Ian Eisendrath, Mandy Moore.
ATCA host: Martha Wade Steketee

2:00 pm SESSION: Adapting a Classic: Bill Irwin Takes on *The Imaginary Invalid*.
ATCA host: D.R. Lewis.

3:00 pm SESSION: Broadway Bound: Musicals That Never Made It To Broadway.
Robert W. Schneider.
ATCA host: Lou Harry.

4:00 pm MEMBER DISCUSSION:
Now You Know: Updating Members.
Amanda Finn and other ATCA leaders.

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 14, 2026
venue: Theater555 |
555 West 42nd Street

9:00 am PROGRAM OPENING:
Amanda Finn

10:00 am SESSION: Relief Hitters: The Whirlwind World of Understudies, Swings, and Standbys.
Jodi Bluestein, Maria Briggs, Matthew Curiano, and Stephane Duret.
ATCA host: Raven Snook.

11:00 am SESSION: Kelundra Smith in Conversation with Ruben Santiago-Hudson.
Recorded for *American Theatre*'s Offscript podcast.

12:00 pm SESSION: Fifth Annual ATCA Edward Medina Prize for Excellence in Cultural Criticism. Anastazia X. Neely, 2026 Medina ceremony, followed by Critics in Conversation with 2025 recipient Citlali Pizarro.
ATCA host: Nate Hinkle.

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 15, 2026
venue: Museum of Broadway |
145 West 45th Street

9:30 am PROGRAM OPENING:
Convene in Museum conference room.

10:00 am SESSION: Casting with the Pros.
Karyn Casl of The Telsey Office and Arnold J. Mungioli of Mungioli Theatricals.
ATCA host: Bill Hirschman

11:00 am SESSION: *Waiting for Lefty* for the 21st Century.
Jill Rafson, Steven Pasquale, Sahar Milani, and Cameron Scoggins.
ATCA host: Lindsay Christians.

Full ATCANY2026 Program here:

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