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**BAY THEATRE COMPANY TO DONATE PROCEEDS OF MAY 30TH SHOW TO
LEADERSHIP ANNE ARUNDEL**

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 4, 2009) – The Bay Theatre Company plans to donate a portion of the proceeds from the May 30, 2009 3 p.m. showing of *Candida*, a play by George Bernard Shaw, to Leadership Anne Arundel. The fundraiser includes an exclusive wine and cheese reception with the actors after the show. The Bay Theatre Company is located at 275 West Street in Annapolis. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased through Leadership Anne Arundel by calling 410-571-9798 or email info@leadershipaa.org.

About the Play: A comedy, a story of love and family set in London in 1894. *Candida*, the beautiful wife of a popular preacher in East End London, has just returned from caring for her children at the seaside with a young friend of the family. This young man, an earnest poet, has fallen madly in love with *Candida*. The story turns on what happens when Marchbanks, the poet, tells Morrell, the preacher, of his love for his wife. It is ultimately *Candida*'s wisdom which saves the day. But in the meantime there is much laughter as the story is told. One of Shaw's best scripts, the play runs under two hours, and is aptly subtitled, "a mystery" - a very funny one.

Theresa Winslow, The Capital staff writer, wrote, "*Candida*...featured the kind of brilliant acting and superlative set design that have become Bay Theatre's hallmarks. The entire cast of "*Candida*" shined..." "Direction under Bay co-founder Lucinda Merry-Browne was tight, as is usual for her. The set by Ken Sheats is wonderfully ornate and detailed, and the costuming by Jill Kyle-Keith is top-notch. *Candida*'s gowns, in particular, are breathtakingly beautiful."

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The vision of Leadership Anne Arundel is to develop and nurture community trustees who improve the quality of life in Anne Arundel County by convening diverse stakeholders, bridging their divides, and facilitating resolutions for the common good. Leadership Anne Arundel's mission is to provide people of diverse backgrounds with the education, resources and networks necessary to become successful proactive leaders.

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