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# innovationnight

HONORING

# David F. Hale

Chairman & CEO

Hale BioPharma Ventures, LLC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

# TALKING INNOVATION



As a leader of innovation in American theatre, La Jolla Playhouse couldn't be a better place to host this extraordinary annual event. Last year's Innovation Night was held in a virtual format, honoring the efforts of San Diego organizations working on the front lines in the fight against COVID-19. It is due to those efforts that we are now able to return to an in-person format this year, celebrating "what's new and next" on and off the stage. Thank you for joining us!

Since its founding in 2007, Innovation Night has raised well over \$2 million to help enhance the Playhouse's research and development efforts, which include our signature play development programs, our Without

Walls (WOW) series of immersive and barrier-breaking theatre, as well as ongoing artist commissions and residencies – all while facilitating partnerships among artists and leaders in San Diego's life sciences, biotech, high-tech, clean-tech, defense and telecommunication industries.

These industries, bolstered by such thought leaders as Hale BioPharma, UC San Diego, Qualcomm, Illumina, Rady Children's Hospital Foundation, Biocept, DTx Pharma, Ionis Pharmaceuticals, Neurelis, TEGA Therapeutics and many others, have made a tremendous impact – not just in our community, but around the globe. Tonight is a celebration of these groundbreaking contributions and San Diego's collaborative spirit.

On behalf of the Playhouse's board and staff, we would like to extend our deepest appreciation to Honorary Chair David F. Hale, as well as Innovation Night Founding Chair Dr. Ivor Royston, our dedicated Host Committee, and our devoted Innovation Night 2021 Chair: Tim Scott, CEO of TEGA Therapeutics. We congratulate and thank you for all your efforts to make this 14th annual Innovation Night another tremendous success. And to all who are with us tonight, thank you for your support of the Playhouse and for all you do to make San Diego a vibrant community for both science and the arts.

**Christopher Ashley**

*The Rich Family Artistic Director of La Jolla Playhouse*

**Debby Buchholz**

*Managing Director of La Jolla Playhouse*

# PLAYHOUSE MISSION



(Left photo): KC de la Cruz, Chad Carstarphen and Angelica Beliard; (background, L - R): Al Rodrigo and Maria-Christina Oliveras in La Jolla Playhouse's production of *Kiss My Aztec!*, (Right Photo): Isabelle McCalla, Nehal Joshi and Eric Anderson in La Jolla Playhouse's world-premiere production of *Fly*.

## Our Mission

La Jolla Playhouse advances theatre as an art form and as a vital social, moral and political platform by providing unfettered creative opportunities for the leading artists of today and tomorrow. With our youthful spirit and eclectic, artist-driven approach we will continue to cultivate a local and national following with an insatiable appetite for audacious and diverse work.

In the future, San Diego's La Jolla Playhouse will be considered singularly indispensable to the worldwide theatre landscape as we become a permanent safe harbor for the unsafe and surprising. The day will come when it will be essential to enter the La Jolla Playhouse village in order to get a glimpse of what is about to happen in American theatre.

# PLAYHOUSE LEADERSHIP



Tony Award winner **CHRISTOPHER ASHLEY** has served as **La Jolla Playhouse's Artistic Director** since 2007. During his tenure, he directed such world premieres as *Come From Away*, *Diana: The Musical*, *Memphis*, *Escape to Margaritaville* and *Chasing the Song*, as well as *His Girl Friday*, *Glengarry Glen Ross*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Freaky Friday* and *Xanadu*. Most recently he directed *Come From Away* for AppleTV+ and *Diana: The Musical* for Netflix (launching October 1). He also spearheaded the Playhouse's Without Walls (WOW) initiative, the DNA New Work Series and the Resident Theatre program. Mr. Ashley's Broadway credits include *Come From Away* (Tony and Outer Critics Circle Awards), *Diana: The Musical*, *Escape*

*to Margaritaville*, *Memphis* (Tony Award nomination), *Xanadu*, *Leap of Faith* (Drama Desk Award nomination), *All Shook Up* and *The Rocky Horror Show* (Tony, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle Award nominations). Additional New York stage credits include *Blown Sideways Through Life*, *Jeffrey* (Lucille Lortel and Obie Awards), *Valhalla* (Lucille Lortel Award nomination), *Regrets Only*, *The Night Hank Williams Died* and *Fires in the Mirror* (Lucille Lortel Award), among others. Other screen credits include the feature films *Jeffrey* and *Lucky Stiff*, and the American Playhouse production of *Blown Sideways Through Life* for PBS. Mr. Ashley is the recipient of the Princess Grace Award, the Drama League Director Fellowship and an NEA/TCG Director Fellowship.



**DEBBY BUCHHOLZ, Managing Director of La Jolla Playhouse** was appointed La Jolla Playhouse's Managing Director in 2018 and served as General Manager of the Playhouse since 2002. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the League of Resident Theaters (LORT). Previously she served as Counsel to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C. She was a faculty member of the Smithsonian Institution's program on Legal Problems of Museum Administration. Prior to the Kennedy Center, she worked as a corporate attorney in New York City and Washington, D.C. She is a graduate of UC San Diego and Harvard Law School. Ms. Buchholz and her husband, noted

author and White House economic policy advisor Todd Buchholz, live in Solana Beach and are the proud parents of Victoria, Katherine and Alexia.

# TRIBUTE TO HONORARY CHAIR



The title of Honorary Chair is awarded annually to an individual who has contributed to the innovation sector in an extraordinary way. This year, in celebration of his trailblazing spirit and dedication to serving our region, we are pleased to honor David F. Hale, a vital figure in the biotech world in San Diego and beyond. Known as the "father of biotech in San Diego," Mr. Hale is an innovator, visionary, strategist, collaborator and civic volunteer, who is highly respected by his peers in the industry.

Mr. Hale is currently Chairman and CEO of Hale BioPharma Ventures, LLC, a private company focused on the formation and development of biotechnology, specialty pharma, diagnostic and medical device companies.

Throughout his career, Mr. Hale has been involved in the rise of a number of successful biomedical companies. In 1982 he joined Hybritech, the first biotechnology company in San Diego. During his time at Hybritech, he served as the COO, President and then finally CEO, when Hybritech was acquired by Eli Lilly and Co. in 1986. From 1987 to 1997, he was Chairman, President and CEO of Gensia, Inc., which merged with SICOR to become Gensia Sicor, Inc., which was acquired by Teva Pharmaceuticals. He was a co-founder and Chairman of Viagene, Inc. from 1987 to 1995, when Viagene was acquired by Chiron, Inc. In 1997, he was a co-founder and served as Chairman of LMA North America until its merger with LMA International in 2004. He joined CancerVax in 2000, where he served as President and CEO until its merger with Micromet, Inc. in 2006, when he became Chairman. A serial entrepreneur, Mr. Hale has also overseen the acquisition of myriad other companies in this field.

He is a co-founder and Chairman of Neurana Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a co-founder and Director of Neurelis, Inc., a co-founder and Managing Member of Dermata Therapeutics, Inc., and a co-founder of Cadence, Evoke, Elevation and Zogenix. Due to his extraordinary experience, Mr. Hale currently serves on the board of two public companies, Oncternal Therapeutics, Inc., as Chairman, and BIOCEPT, Inc. He also serves on the Board of Directors of private companies Zerigo Health, Inc., Recros Medica, Inc., and Adigica Health, Inc.

In addition to his success in business, Mr. Hale is constantly giving back to the San Diego community. He is a co-founder and serves on the Board of Directors of BIOCOM and CONNECT. He is a former member of the Board of the Biotechnology Industry Organization and the Biotechnology Institute. Mr. Hale has spent tremendous time on the Board of Rady Children's Hospital, serving since 1986, including as Chairman (2011-2015). He is also founder and Chairman of the Rady Children's Institute of Genomic Medicine. Finally, he also serves on the University of San Diego Board of Trustees, as a member of the UCSD Rady School of Management Dean's Advisory Council, and as a Director of the San Diego Economic Development Corporation.



## **Dr. IVOR ROYSTON, M.D., *Innovation Night Founding Chair***

Dr. Royston is the President and CEO of Viracta Therapeutics, a San Diego-based biotechnology company focused on novel therapies for viral-associated cancers. Previously, Dr. Royston was the founding Managing Partner (1990- 2000) of Forward Ventures, a San Diego specialized life science venture capital firm, and the founding President and CEO of the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center (1990-2000). Prior to the above, he was Director of Clinical Immunology of the University of California San Diego Cancer Center. Dr. Royston was the co-founder of Hybritech, Inc., San Diego's first biotechnology company, which developed the PSA test for prostate cancer; and the co-founder of IDEC Corporation, which developed the first monoclonal antibody therapy for cancer, and which subsequently merged with Biogen to form Biogen Idec, now Biogen [NASDAQ: BIIB]. Dr. Royston has been instrumental in the formation, financing, and development of numerous biotechnology companies. Today, he serves on the boards of Biocept and Viracta. Dr. Royston received his B.A. and M.D. degrees from Johns Hopkins University and completed post-doctoral training in internal medicine and medical oncology at Stanford University. Dr. Royston's honors include the San Diego Entrepreneur of the Year Award, the appointment by President Clinton to a six-year term on the National Cancer Advisory Board, and the induction into the San Diego Entrepreneur Hall of Fame.

## **TIM SCOTT, *Innovation Night 2021 Chair***

Mr. Scott is co-founder and CEO of TEGA Therapeutics, a glycobiology company focused on lysosomal storage disorder and recombinant heparan sulfates. He previously was founder and President of Pharmatek Laboratories, a contract development and manufacturing company (sold to Catalent Pharma Solutions in 2016). Prior to that, he was Senior Vice President at Active.com (IPO 2011). Mr. Scott serves on the Board of Avelas, a bioscience company working to create better outcomes for cancer patients with its activatable cell-penetrating peptide technology. He previously served on the board of Zacharon Pharmaceuticals (sold to Biomarin 2014). Mr. Scott is a member of the boards of BIOCOM, a non-profit organization supporting the needs of bio/pharma companies in California, and CONNECT, a non-profit helping to create and scale innovation companies in San Diego. At UC San Diego, he serves on the Dean's Advisory Council for the Division of Biological Sciences. In the community, Mr. Scott serves on the board of the San Diego Blood Bank, and as a trustee for the Tony Award-winning La Jolla Playhouse. Mr. Scott earned his B.A. in Biochemistry from the University of California, San Diego. He earned his J.D. from the University of San Diego and is a member of the California Bar.

# INNOVATION NIGHT **HOST COMMITTEE**

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2011/2012 **Dr. Ivor Royston**, Forward Ventures



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### WHY THIS EVENT

Cooley is proud to continue our support of La Jolla Playhouse as it celebrates its 14<sup>th</sup> Innovation Night. For more than 15 years, Cooley has been committed to the mission of the Playhouse as it strives to push the boundaries of art and entertainment. The annual Innovation Night has been a great way to celebrate this intersection of art with the innovative technology of clients and friends in our community.

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### WHO WE ARE

Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego is a nonprofit, 505-bed pediatric care facility dedicated to excellence in healthcare, medical research and teaching. Anchored on our main hospital campus in Kearny Mesa, and powered by an integrated network of medical clinics and specialty centers, Rady Children's is the only dedicated provider of pediatric trauma, urgent and subspecialty care; behavioral health services and primary care across San Diego, Imperial and Southern Riverside counties. In June 2021, U.S. News & World Report ranked Rady Children's among the nation's best children's hospitals in all 10 of the pediatric subspecialties they evaluate. In collaboration with UC San Diego School of Medicine, we are the region's teaching hospital for the next generation of pediatric clinicians. Rady Children's also is a major pediatric clinical research center, with more than 600 clinical trials and research collaborations underway. Through our pioneering Rady Children's Institute for Genomic Medicine, we provide rapid Whole Genome Sequencing™ to a growing network of more than 70 children's hospitals nationwide.

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## WHY THIS EVENT

David F. Hale is a prolific life science company creator whose name is synonymous with innovation. For decades, David has been a member of the Rady Children's family. He was instrumental in the launch and growth of Rady Children's Institute for Genomic Medicine. He has served as chairman of the Board of Directors for both the Hospital and now the Genomics Institute. We are delighted to join La Jolla Playhouse's Innovation Night in showing our deep gratitude for David's unwavering support for driving innovation in pediatric medicine and providing consistently excellent care to our region's children and beyond.

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## WHO WE ARE

Stockdale Capital Partners is a vertically integrated real estate investment firm focused on opportunistic investments across the Southwest. Our signature San Diego development, Campus at Horton, is a 1 million-square-foot, mixed-use technology and life sciences campus covering 10 acres over seven city blocks in the heart of Downtown. As one of the largest adaptive re-use projects in the western United States, the development features 40,000 – 70,000-square-foot floor plates, 18-foot slab-to-slab heights, programmed green space, the largest parking structure downtown along with best-in-class amenities, dining and wellness offerings. The project is the first WiredScore Platinum certified development in San Diego and is designed to meet LEED Platinum and WELL Platinum standards with project completion slated for 2022.

## WHY THIS EVENT

Stockdale Capital Partners is proud to be a catalyst for the expansion of the regional innovation ecosystem. The relationship between arts and science is a key component of Campus at Horton, where innovation and discovery will thrive within an environment that incorporates Horton Plaza Park, the Lyceum and adjacent Balboa and Spreckels theatre venues. We recognize a natural synergy with La Jolla Playhouse and support its superior work in contemporary and innovative theatre.

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## WHY THIS EVENT

Innovation is an idea that has been transformed into practical reality and is crucial to the continuing success of any organization. We are proud to honor David F. Hale and applaud La Jolla Playhouse for playing a critical role in our community and beyond.

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## WHO WE ARE

At Biocept, we focus on developing and marketing innovative diagnostic solutions that improve cancer outcomes. Our new CNSide™ assay is a novel combination of proprietary cell-based and cell-free technology for the diagnosis and management of brain metastasis. This unique application of liquid biopsy in cerebrospinal fluid is the first and only tool for clinicians suspecting brain mets to discover – Is there a tumor?, Is there a target?, Is there a trend?

## WHY THIS EVENT

Biocept is proud to partner with La Jolla Playhouse in honoring David F. Hale, and in the joint goal of driving innovation in the arts and sciences.

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## WHO WE ARE

We are a venture capital firm established in 1985 and an investor in one of the first biotech companies, Hybritech. Since then, we have invested in over 175 companies, including almost a dozen spawned by Hybritech's management.

## WHY THIS EVENT

Biotech innovation has created cures and many jobs and San Diego is one of the most vibrant communities in the nation. We salute David Hale as a pioneer and major driver of innovation. We also honor the Playhouse as a true innovator in the arts.

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## WHY THIS EVENT

Dowling & Yahnke salutes the entire Playhouse team's commitment to providing San Diego with the gift of world-class performing arts. Their dedication to excellence, creativity and culture remains paramount to making San Diego "America's Finest City."

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## WHY THIS EVENT

It takes a great deal of creativity to make a scientific breakthrough. San Diego is home to world-class biotechnology and ground-breaking theatre. La Jolla Playhouse's Innovation Night brings together the best and brightest of these communities.

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Hale BioPharma Ventures, LLC.

**Hale BioPharma Ventures, LLC** strongly supports the importance of innovation, as it is through innovation in life sciences that we will realize cures or treatments for chronic or incurable diseases.

We sincerely thank those innovators who work at our research, academic, and clinical care institutions, and those that work at the hundreds of life sciences companies located in our region.

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Redefining Regenerative Medicine

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## WHY THIS EVENT

We are pleased to support the La Jolla Playhouse for its many contributions to our community and we are especially proud to honor our friend David F. Hale for his lifetime commitment to innovation.

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Illumina is improving human health by unlocking the power of the genome. Our focus on innovation has established us as the global leader in DNA sequencing and array-based technologies, serving customers in the research, clinical and applied markets. Our products are used for applications in the life sciences, oncology, reproductive health, agriculture and other emerging segments.

## WHY THIS EVENT

San Diego is one of the world's leading innovation economies. Illumina is honored to support the premiere event highlighting the extraordinary work taking place in the region. We also commend La Jolla Playhouse for bringing together leaders from San Diego's biotech, life sciences, high tech, clean tech, defense, telecommunications and associated industries.

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For more than 30 years, Ionis has been the leader in RNA-targeted therapy, pioneering new markets and changing standards of care with its novel antisense technology. Ionis currently has three marketed medicines and a premier late-stage pipeline highlighted by industry-leading neurological and cardiometabolic franchises. Our scientific innovation began and continues with the knowledge that sick people depend on us, which fuels our vision of becoming one of the most successful biotechnology companies.

## WHY THIS EVENT

Ionis is guided by world-class scientists and business leaders whose passion to innovate is matched only by their commitment to deliver transformational medicines to patients who need them. We applaud La Jolla Playhouse for its inspiring work in contemporary and innovative theater.

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IQHQ acquires, develops and operates life science properties in the innovation hubs of San Francisco, San Diego and Boston in the United States, and the Golden Triangle in the United Kingdom. Our state-of-the-art life science districts give progress a home to grow, emphasizing a convergence of lifestyle and life science. In San Diego, IQHQ is building the Research and Development District (RaDD) that will feature state-of-the-art laboratory, office, and retail space and transform the downtown waterfront.

## WHY THIS EVENT

Supporting innovation and challenging convention are key tenets of IQHQ, both within our own company and across our communities. We're proud to support La Jolla Playhouse in inspiring a powerful partnership between the arts and sciences.

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The immune system lies at the heart of virtually every aspect of human health, and therefore we believe that learning how to harness its power offers unparalleled opportunities to mitigate a staggering number of diseases. That's why the immune system is the sole focus of our research here at La Jolla Institute for Immunology. For over thirty years, our model has been to have independent laboratories working on different aspects of the immune system and collaborating with each other, as well as with other scientists in San Diego, nationally and internationally. We believe that when you bring extraordinary scientific minds together under one roof and provide them with the cutting edge tools, and technologies needed for discovery, and support for their endeavors that few other institutions can provide, they are bound to make big strides toward Life Without Disease®.

## WHY THIS EVENT

La Jolla Institute has established important partnerships within the research community in San Diego. This collaborative and collegial work environment enables the pioneering science that reaches across disciplines, inspires out-of-the-box thinking, sparks creativity and results in life-saving innovations. As sponsors of Innovation Night, we come together again to make a great difference for our community by supporting the outstanding work of La Jolla Playhouse. Congratulations to all!

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## WHO WE ARE

Locanabio is developing a new class of genetic medicines that could change the lives of patients with devastating genetic diseases, including neurodegenerative, neuromuscular and retinal diseases. Our unique platform combines two validated approaches for treating diseases – RNA modification and gene therapy. Dysfunctional RNA is the root cause of many genetic diseases, and our goal is to precisely target and correct the underlying RNA defects in patients via a one-time gene therapy.

## WHY THIS EVENT

Innovation comes in many forms, and we are proud to celebrate the many innovators in science, technology and the arts who have the potential to transform lives in the San Diego community and globally.

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Luna connects communities and people with researchers to accelerate health discoveries. With participation from more than 180 countries and groups advancing causes including disease-specific, public health, environmental, and emerging interests, Luna empowers these collectives to gather a wide range of data – health records, lived-experience, disease history, genomics, and more – to simultaneously surface immediate answers together while also advancing medical science with industry.

## WHY THIS EVENT

Art is the perfect medium to make science more approachable and inspire the next generation of problem solvers. We applaud La Jolla Playhouse for creating this bridge between artists and the technology community.

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Marsh McLennan Agency (MMA) provides business insurance, employee health & benefits, retirement, and private client insurance solutions to organizations and individuals seeking limitless possibilities. MMA combines the personalized service model of a local consultant with the global resources of the world's leading professional services firm, Marsh McLennan (NYSE: MMC). With 8,000 colleagues and 160 offices across North America, including nine office locations in the West region: San Diego, Orange County, San Francisco, Walnut Creek, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Tempe, Tucson, and Anchorage, we work together to bring clients the latest innovations in the insurance industry.

## WHY THIS EVENT

In looking toward the future, we firmly believe innovation is the main driver in revolutionizing insurance – as well as many of the industries we serve. As we seek out novel ways to better serve our colleagues, clients, and community, we dedicate ourselves to building meaningful relationships with those at the forefront of inspiring local change. Be it tech, medicine, or the wildly inventive arts of organizations such as La Jolla Playhouse, we are proud to serve and support those in the greater San Diego area who aim to help foster local economic growth – all while changing the world with bold, forward-thinking ideas.

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## WHY THIS EVENT

As an innovation-driven company we celebrate Innovation Night and La Jolla Playhouse. The Arts transform lives. La Jolla Playhouse is a treasure, a work of art enriching our community.

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Oncternal Therapeutics is a clinical-stage oncology company developing a diverse pipeline of treatments for cancers with critical unmet medical need. Oncternal focuses on promising, yet untapped biological pathways, like ROR1, which are implicated in cancer progression.

## WHY THIS EVENT

It is our privilege to celebrate San Diego's relentless drive for innovation to better the world and to honor our Chairman and Co-Founder, David F. Hale, who embodies the qualities we strive for every day - to build and grow locally, challenge the status-quo, and push the boundaries of science to improve patients' lives.

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## WHY THIS EVENT

Innovation requires a combination of science and art, as well as a willing buyer of the invention: someone has to write a check! In business, we often tend to focus on the science and the market without allowing full creativity into the process. La Jolla Playhouse, through the art form of "the play, the musical," demonstrates the type of creativity that our scientists, engineers and commercial leaders should aspire to: changing lives with every breath.

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## WHO WE ARE

The Division of Research & Innovation at San Diego State University includes entrepreneurship programs, technology transfer, university-industry partnerships, and the nascent SDSU Innovation District in Mission Valley. The Innovation District will include 1.6 million square feet of research and innovation space, focused on distinctive themes that will expand the San Diego innovation ecosystem and provide new economic and educational opportunities for our region.

## WHY THIS EVENT

La Jolla Playhouse Innovation Night is a great opportunity to meet friends, make new friends, and share exciting ideas. Our SDSU group includes new entrepreneurs, successful spinoffs, and community leaders coming for their first time.

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## WHO WE ARE

TEGA was founded to exploit glycoscience-related technologies for the treatment of life-threatening diseases. We aim to improve quality of life for patients by enabling delivery of innovative treatments for unmet medical needs. Our work is motivated by a commitment to innovation and helping patients.

## WHY THIS EVENT

Innovation can become a catalyst for growth. We are proud that the arts and sciences have the power to transform lives and can impact our community in a profound way. We salute La Jolla Playhouse for its work in contemporary and innovative theatre.

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## **Your Impact on Innovation at La Jolla Playhouse**

As a leader in innovation on stage, La Jolla Playhouse is excited to host San Diego's flourishing community of science and technology innovators for an evening of creative exchange. Innovation Night supports and enhances the Playhouse's own "R&D" efforts, including our play development programs, Without Walls (WOW) immersive theatre series, and artist commissions and residencies.

**Please consider supporting innovation –  
on and off the stage – at La Jolla Playhouse!  
Text INNOVATE to 76278 to donate any amount.**

Your donation will help the Playhouse launch the new and the next in American theatre. The ability to offer world-class plays and musicals, as well as our award-winning learning and engagement programs, for the San Diego community is due to the incredible generosity from donors like you.



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