

*From **A Select Timeline of Activities on Gender Disparity in Theater**
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1979 - **Women's Committee of Dramatists Guild** is first organized by Gretchen Cryer.

1981 - [League of Professional Women in Theater](#) is founded by Julia Miles.

1989 (est) - **Women's Committee** of Dramatists Guild **ceases** to meet.

1989 - Founding of [Coalition of Professional Women](#) in Arts & Media.

1998 - Women in Theatre: **Mapping the Sources of Power**, on the 20th Anniversary of the Women's Project and Productions at The New School w support of Ford Foundation.

1999 - **Guerrilla Girls** places an ad in [In Theatre](#) magazine: 'There's a tragedy on Broadway and it isn't Electra'

Jan. 2002 - Release of a study, "Report on the **Status of Women: A Limited Engagement?**" prepared for the New York State Council on the Arts Theatre Program by Susan Jonas and Suzanne Bennett, known as NYSCA Study.

April 2003 - **Women Count**, a group of concerned dramatists come together and issue a **Call for Equal Representation in the Theater**; group asks the DG to **revive Women's Committee** (request declined).

March 2007 - Support Women Artists Now (**SWAN Day**), begun as an annual event by [WomenArts](#), a group begun in 1994 by Martha Richards as the Fund for Women Artists.

Sept-Oct 2008 - In Townhall meetings called by Julia Jordan and others, **artists and artistic directors meet** to discuss gender disparity in theater.

Jan. 2009 - An ad hoc **group of 7 DG members** convened by the **Dramatists Guild** recommend that concrete steps to address a crisis in gender disparity, including a meeting of all members and a half-time staff person.

June 2009 - Economics student Emily Glassberg Sands discusses the **findings of her research on gender disparity** at a meeting; media follows & the study is posted online.

Aug. 2009 - **50/50 in 2020: Parity for Theatre Artists**, a seminar and discussion, is hosted by the League, The Women's Project, New Perspectives theater and others.

Sept. 2009 - **Princeton Univ. honors** Emily Mann with a day, "**Women in Theatre: Issues** for the 21st Century Conference."

Oct-Dec 2009 - A new spinoff group, [50/50 in 2020](#), with founders Susan Jonas, Julie Crosby and Melody Brooks, sets up Facebook group, holds meetings of **Working Groups** to take action on solutions to gender disparity, and begins projects.