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**Tickets on sale tomorrow for “Tony Kushner in Conversation”
May 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM**

“Some playwrights want to change the world. Some want to revolutionize theater. Tony Kushner is that rarity of rarities: a writer who has the promise to do both.” — *The New York Times*

Toronto, ON, February 17, 2016 ... The **Koffler Centre of the Arts** proudly presents “**Tony Kushner in Conversation**” on **May 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM** at the Panasonic Theatre, 651 Yonge Street. Tickets for this event start at \$29 and are available beginning tomorrow at 1-800-461-3333 or kofflerarts.org.

Tony Kushner is a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer best known for his two-part epic, *Angels In America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes*. He wrote the screenplays for **Mike Nichols'** film of *Angels In America*, and **Steven Spielberg's** *Munich*. His 2012 screenplay for Spielberg's movie *Lincoln* was nominated for an Academy Award, and won the New York Film Critics Circle Award, Boston Society of Film Critics Award, Chicago Film Critics Award, and several others.

In Toronto for one night only, Kushner will talk about how he “tackles the most difficult subjects in contemporary history” (*New Yorker*), his life as an artist who weaves the most challenging politics of the day so seamlessly throughout his writing, and his thoughts on the future of contemporary theatre in North America.

Born in New York City in 1956, and raised in Lake Charles, Louisiana, Kushner is the recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, an Emmy Award, two Tony Awards, three Obie Awards, an Arts Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, a PEN/Laura Pels Award, a Spirit of Justice Award from the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, a Cultural Achievement Award from The National Foundation for Jewish Culture, a Chicago Tribune Literary Prize for lifetime achievement, and the 2012 National Medal of Arts, among many others.

Kushner's plays include *A Bright Room Called Day*, *Slavs!*, *Hydrotaphia*, *Homebody/Kabul*, *The Intelligent Homosexual's Guide to Capitalism and Socialism with a Key to the Scriptures*, and *Caroline, or Change*, the musical for which he wrote book and lyrics, with music by composer **Jeanine Tesori**.

Listing information:

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Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Panasonic Theatre, 651 Yonge St

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Box office: [1.800.461.3333](tel:18004613333)

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The Koffler Centre of the Arts is a Jewish cultural organization that presents a cross-disciplinary, contemporary arts program encouraging inquiry and exploration. We promote an inter-cultural dialogue that engages our Jewish identity with diverse perspectives and global voices. The Koffler Gallery and its administrative offices are located at Artscape Youngplace, in Toronto's vibrant downtown West Queen West art and design district.

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