

**Executive Artistic Director/Producer/Playwright
Teresa Coleman Wash**



Teresa Coleman Wash is a producer, playwright and founding artistic director for the Bishop Arts Theatre Center (BATC). Under her leadership, the theatre has earned 9 Irma P. Hall Awards, nearly \$3M in philanthropic support including a multi-year grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies and the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs' coveted Stanford Award for demonstrating exemplary fiscal management. She is part of National Arts Strategies' 2019 Chief Executive Program cohort at Harvard Business School and holds an MA in Arts Management from Goucher College and a BS in Business Administration from Albany State University. She is the recent recipient of Theater Communications Group's prestigious Peter Zeisler Memorial Award for artistic integrity and ingenuity. Her plays have been seen in New York, Atlanta, Washington, D. C., Detroit, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

In 2005, TeCo Theatrical Productions, Inc. (dba BATC) was the recipient of a 10,000 square ft., dilapidated building near the Bishop Arts District in Dallas, TX. Wash led her team of board, staff, and community members in securing over \$1.2M in funding to renovate the blighted facility. Construction began in 2006 and, despite a downward spiral economy, was complete in 2008. Today, BATC is an intimate 170-seat proscenium theatre with dressing rooms, an art gallery, executive offices, a learning lab, two skyboxes, and an arts business incubator center. The theatre receives critical acclaim and has been nationally recognized for its innovative new play and women's theatre festival, world class jazz series, and year-round arts education programs for youth and seniors.

In 2017, Wash was elected to the Dramatists Guild of America Council representing the Southern region and currently serves on the Steering Committee. Teresa is the recent recipient of many accolades. Most recently, she is the 2018 recipient of the National Guild for Community Arts Education's Milestone Award and the Dallas Business Council for the Arts' Obelisk Award in the category of Visionary Nonprofit Arts Leader. In 2016, Wash was one of three recipients for the Dallas Observer's MasterMind Award. She is the incoming Chair for VisitDallas' Cultural Tourism Committee, and she serves on the Steering Committee for the Dallas Area Cultural Advocacy Coalition.

Published articles:

[The Ugly Truth About Arts Organizations Led by Women of Color](#) – Howlround, May 9, 2018

[How the arts give Dallas an economic boost](#) – Dallas Morning News, May 12, 2017

[How the arts can support public safety](#) – Dallas Morning News, April 4, 2017

[It's Time To Give More Women and Playwrights of Color The Spotlight](#) – Role Reboot, May 20, 2016

