



**INVISIBLE THEATRE – 50TH ANNIVERSARY
2020-2021 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**THE INVISIBLE THEATRE
IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE ITS
2020 - 2021 SEASON OF PERFORMANCES**

(May 29, 2020, Tucson, AZ); Invisible Theatre's Managing Artistic Director, Susan Claassen, announced six plays and three special events for the company's 50th Anniversary Season. Claassen said, "The year was 1971 ... the war in Viet Nam was raging, Nixon was president of the United States, the 26th Amendment to the US Constitution was ratified granting the right to vote to 18 year olds, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (the most heavily endowed arts institution in the United States) opened in Washington D.C. while in Tucson, Arizona a group of poor, idealistic, young artists got together to create an arena for new playwrights and produce a different kind of theatre for an adventuresome audience. Now, approaching 5 decades later, our commitment and passion to creating quality theatre experiences for all facets of the community is even stronger. Playwright George Bernard Shaw wrote, "*Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you create what you will.*"

Well, we never "imagined" we would be in these unprecedented times when we selected our season. We are taking every safety precaution to be able to open our 50th Anniversary Season in September as outlined by the City of Tucson and the CDC. This includes a new filter for our AC that purifies and sanitizes the airflow in the theatre, social distancing, the most stringent of disinfecting procedures, and an audience reduced to probably 20% capacity. The smaller and more intimate audience size in no way diminishes the magic that will be created on stage. The name Invisible Theatre was chosen because of that invisible energy that flows between performers and an audience that makes the magic of theatre!

Our 2020-2021 theatrical line-up is one of our most imaginative, diverse, entertaining and creative seasons in our 50 year history! Each of our selections will provide unforgettable moments that will thrill, inspire, delight and engage you like never before!

Let the "magic" begin with our 2020 – 2021 Season!

THE INVISIBLE THEATRE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

A Season that is "Good as Gold"

**We are cooking up a delicious season of entertainment with all the right ingredients!
IT will tickle your funny-bone, touch your heart and ignite your imagination!**

Heartwarming!

SECRETS OF A SOCCER MOM by Kathleen Clark

September 8 – 27, 2020

Three soccer moms (or, as they prefer to be called, "intelligent women whose children play soccer every damn weekend") take the field for a parents vs. children match - sharing war stories about motherhood, marriage, and debating that crucial issue: should we let the kids win? This is a "winning" comedy that ignites a fierce desire for these extraordinary women to recapture their youthful good-humor, independence and sexiness, paving the way toward a better understanding of themselves, their families and changes they need to make in their lives. This "winning" comedy has heart and "sole"!

"A sympathetic and compelling comedy with constant laughs!"

- *Variety*

Illuminating!

TRUMBO: *Red, White and Blacklisted* by Christopher Trumbo

October 20 - November 15, 2019

When legendary screenwriter Dalton Trumbo stood up in the House of Un-American Activities Committee in 1947, he was thrown in prison and blacklisted as one of the "Hollywood Ten". Based on his brilliant and razor-sharp letters to friends, former friends, and family, Trumbo reveals how the author of "Spartacus", "Roman Holiday", and "Exodus" took on Congress, Hollywood, and the Red Scare - and won. TRUMBO combines wit, bravery and true patriotism. Dalton Trumbo served time in prison for "Contempt of Congress". He agreed: "As far as I was concerned, it was a completely just verdict. I had contempt for that Congress and have had contempt for several since."

"Positively sizzles with wit...sweet, sad and ultimately uplifting."

-*Variety*

Hilarious!

DIXIE'S TUPPERWARE PARTY

January 16 – 17, 2021 • Berger Performing Arts Center

Not Your Grandmother's Tupperware Party!

This hilarious smash hit returns to Tucson, featuring Dixie Longate, the fast-talking, gum chewing, ginger-haired Alabama gal who is bringing your grandma's Tupperware party out of the living room and into the 21st century. Audiences howl with laughter from her outrageously funny tales, homespun wisdom, audience participation and uses for Tupperware that you never thought possible. For anyone who has ever felt like they don't matter, DIXIE'S TUPPERWARE PARTY is a southern tale of empowerment that leaves your heart a little bigger and your food a little fresher.

"I was laughing too hard to breathe!"

LA Times

Inspiring!

GLORIA: A LIFE by Tony Award Winning Emily Mann

February 11 – 23, 2021

HISTORY, HER STORY. OUR STORY.

GLORIA: A LIFE brings us a richly detailed tapestry about one of the most inspiring and remarkable women of our time. Five decades after Gloria Steinem began raising her voice for equality and championing those of others, her vision is as urgent as ever. Gloria's life's work and philosophy on the necessity of conversation as a catalyst for change offer us all a path forward in a way that only live theater can. The first act is Gloria's story; the second is our own, as the audience joins in a talking circle to share personal experiences. This inspiring and powerful event is more than a play - it's a celebration of human connection.

“The audience is in for a shakeup seeing this powerful, riveting, all-engaging play.”

-NYCityWoman

Epic!

50TH ANNIVERSARY “GOOD AS GOLD” CELEBRATION CABARET

April 10 - 11, 2021 • Berger Performing Arts Center

50 YEAR RETROSPECTIVE!

Featuring an all-star cast including Randy Roberts as “Bette” and “Cher” Faux Real, Katherine Byrnes, Khris Dodge, Natalie Douglas, Armen Dirdadian, “Mols and Suz”, the Pastime Players and many more in a salute to IT's 50 years of greatness

Uplifting!

TINY BEAUTIFUL THINGS based on the book by Cheryl Strayed

Adapted for the stage by Nia Vardalos

May 11 – 23, 2021

A celebration of the simple beauty of being human, this funny, uplifting and deeply touching exploration of resilience is based on Cheryl Strayed's journey as the beloved anonymous advice columnist for “Dear Sugar.” Over the years, thousands of people turned to Sugar for words of wisdom, compassion, and hope. Sugar finds a way to weave her own life experiences together with the deep yearning and heartrending questions from her readers. TINY BEAUTIFUL THINGS is a play about reaching when you're stuck, healing when you're broken, and finding the courage to take on the questions that have no answers.

“...The collective humanness is the truly extraordinary thing about this piece of work.”

-New City Chicago

50TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON SPECIAL EVENTS

The Triumphant Return of Susan Claassen in BECOMING DR. RUTH by Mark St. Germain

December 2 – 12, 2020

Everyone knows Dr. Ruth Westheimer from her career as a pioneering radio and television sex therapist. Few, however, know the incredible journey that preceded it. From fleeing the Nazis in the Kindertransport and joining the Haganah in Jerusalem as a scout and sniper, to her struggles to succeed as a single mother coming to America, BECOMING DR. RUTH is filled with the humor, honesty and life-affirming spirit of Karola Ruth Siegel, the girl who became “Dr. Ruth”, America’s most famous sex-therapist.

“Susan Claassen gives a compelling performance, capturing Westheimer’s plucky personality”
- Arizona Daily Star

Award-Winning A CONVERSATION WITH EDITH HEAD

March 11 – 14, 2021

Susan Claassen stars in her internationally acclaimed portrayal of legendary costume designer, Edith Head. Hollywood’s golden age comes to life in an evening of wit, wisdom, and a whisper of gossip! A CONVERSATION WITH EDITH HEAD, based on EDITH HEAD’S HOLLYWOOD by Edith Head & Paddy Calistro, is a feast of delicious behind-the-scenes stories about Hollywood’s greatest stars that provide an intimate portrait of Hollywood’s legendary costume designer.

“Edith Head comes to life in a way that’s so perfectly accurate...”
-The New York Times

Obie Award-winning Actress and Playwright Susan Miller in MY LEFT BREAST

March 18 – 21, 2021

Susan Miller is a one-breasted, menopausal, Jewish, bisexual lesbian Mom! Her story’s humorous and moving encounters with relationships, parenthood, cancer, and her ever-changing self are charted in this searingly honest solo piece.

"A metaphor of resilience...done with a self aware humor and a literary acuteness that makes for an enlarging experience."
-The New York Times

Rescheduled!

Award-Winning Broadway Star Steve Solomon in FROM BROOKLYN TO BROADWAY!

October 10, 2020 • Berger Performing Arts Center

Presenting an evening of hilarious comedy with the author and star of one of the longest running one- man comedies in Broadway history: MY MOTHER’S ITALIAN, MY FATHER’S JEWISH & I’M IN THERAPY. This will be a night of pure enjoyment as Steve, using his gift for acting, dialects and voices, brings to life more than twenty oddball people in hysterical situations that we can all relate to. You’ll recognize these characters from your own life and leave the theater wiping tears of laughter from your eyes!

All Plays and Dates Subject to Change

NEW SEASON TICKETING STRUCTURE

We know that things can change in a heartbeat. We have decided to proceed with the season announcement and adapt the “Season Subscriber” format. We think offering a “FLEX PASS” subscription will provide the options necessary to move forward.

We are only offering a limited number of subscriptions (450) as we will implement every precaution prescribed by the City of Tucson and the CDC. This will ultimately result in a hugely diminished audience capacity. Single tickets on a per show basis will be offered only after all “FLEX PASS” priority subscribers are accommodated.

We feel this type of ticketing will give you (*our beloved ones!*) the freedom to return to Invisible Theatre in a positive and safe way! It will also provide much needed cash flow into our accounts when we begin our next fiscal year on July 1, 2020.

50th Anniversary Season Flex Passes:

9 Pass – Invisible Theatre and/or Berger Performing Arts

\$250 (save up to \$155 off single ticket prices!)

6 Pass – Invisible Theatre and/or Berger Performing Arts

\$165 (save up to \$105 off single tickets!)

4 Pass - Invisible Theatre Venue Only

\$99 (save up to \$40 off single tickets!)

- Use one ticket for each show or all tickets for one show. We’re flexible!
- Need to change your ticket to a different night? No charge. No problem. We’re flexible!
- Out of town for a production so you want to use your extra ticket to see another show twice? Smart idea. We’re flexible!

Please note! There are **NO REFUNDS** on Flex Passes. We will contact you about setting up your show dates. All plays and dates are subject to change. If you have questions please call us at the Invisible Theatre Box Office, (520) 882-9721.

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