



**INVISIBLE THEATRE PRESS RELEASE
2022-2023 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT**

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INVISIBLE THEATRE ANNOUNCES AN EXCITING AND DIVERSE LINEUP OF PLAYS FOR ITS 2022-2023 SEASON!

(April 1, 2022, Tucson, AZ); Invisible Theatre's Managing Artistic Director, Susan Claassen and Associate Directors James Blair and Betsy Kruse Craig, announce six plays for the company's 51st Anniversary Season. The lineup includes the SW premieres of acclaimed Off-Broadway contemporary plays, romantic comedies, the Arizona premieres of the award-winning musical tribute to the great Billie Holiday with **BILLIE! - Backstage with Lady Day** and intimate portraits of outspoken "Defenders of Liberty" like witty and brassy Molly Ivins in **RED HOT PATRIOT: The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins** and the Off-Broadway acclaimed **WIESENTHAL** that tells the compelling story of Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal. The season also includes **THE SABBATH GIRL**, a contemporary comedy with an old-fashioned heart, **SMALL MOUTH SOUNDS**, a unique and compassionate new play that asks how we address life's biggest questions when words fail us and the critically acclaimed Broadway hit **LIFESPAN OF A FACT**, that explodes with blistering comedy and timely relevance.

Ms. Claassen said, "We are thrilled to announce this amazing line-up of exciting, enticing, and diverse plays to celebrate Invisible Theatre's mission of bringing quality theatre experiences in an intimate setting to all facets of the community. We guarantee that our spectacular mix of contemporary works, solo journeys and SW premieres will offer something for every theater-goer and meaningful opportunities for Tucson's fantastic theatre artists. Invisible Theatre got its name from the invisible energy that flows between performers and an audience that makes the magic of theatre. Our 51st anniversary season is filled with that magic and a promise of better days ahead that inspire us to continue to dream our dreams and tell the stories that connect and inspire!"

Season Tickets are now on sale at an early bird price of \$180 with no service charge through June 10, 2022 which is up to a \$60 savings over individual tickets. In addition Season Ticket Holders receive Priority Seating, \$5 Discount on Extra Tickets, Flexible Exchange, Advance Ticketing and Discounts on all IT Specials including Golden Globe Winner Amanda McBroom, Screenings, Paramount Pictures Costume Archivist, Concerts and So Much More!

Season subscriptions may be ordered by phone at (520) 882-9721 or online at www.invisibletheatre.com.

INVISIBLE THEATRE'S 51st ANNIVERSARY SEASON

An Inspiring and Entertaining Season of Music, Magic, Truth and Love!

LIFESPAN OF A FACT

by Jeremy Kareken, David Murrell and Gordon Farrell

September 7 - 18, 2022

A critically acclaimed 2018 Broadway play, this fast-paced story explodes with blistering comedy and timely relevance. Facts become blurry when they're twisted into fiction in the high-stakes world of publishing. The demanding editor-in-chief of a high-end magazine, hires a determined millennial fact-checker to work on a groundbreaking essay. The deadline is tight, the essay is dense, and everyone must make a good faith effort in telling the story honestly. This is the ultimate showdown of fact versus fiction.

"Spry humor, rippling tension and provocative reflections ... "

Hollywood Reporter

RED HOT PATRIOT: The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins

by Margaret Engel and Allison Engel

November 2 - 13, 2022

The story of the unsinkable Molly Ivins, the famously brassy newspaper columnist and best-selling author. A true Texas original, Ivins was a sharp-tongued wit who skewered the political establishment and the "good ol' boys" with her unforgettable humor and wisdom. Written by twin sisters, themselves longtime journalists, the play celebrates Ivins' courage and tenacity - even when a complacent America wasn't listening.

"Absolutely WONDERFUL, entertaining and illuminating," –

Huffington Post

WIESENTHAL

Written and Performed by Tom Dugan

January 14 - 15, 2023

Berger Performing Arts Center

This award winning Off-Broadway play WIESENTHAL is the riveting story of an ordinary man that did extraordinary things. Simon Wiesenthal was a Jewish Austrian Holocaust survivor who became a Nazi hunter after the war so they could be brought to trial. Sometimes referred to as 'the Jewish James Bond,' Simon Wiesenthal escaped death at the hands of Hitler's S.S., lost 89 family members, and devoted more than six decades to bringing Nazi war criminals to justice. Part memoir and part spy thriller, WIESENTHAL is a heartfelt, deeply moving and compelling play that resonates with hope, humanity and humor.

"POWERFUL & INSIGHTFUL! These stories are heartbreaking and beautiful."

The New York Times

THE SABBATH GIRL
by Cary Gitter
February 15 - 26, 2023

Angie Mastrantoni has a lot going for her - A job at a hip art gallery. A new apartment on the Upper West Side. But not much time for relationships. But then her neighbor, Seth, a divorced Orthodox Jew with a knish store on the Lower East Side, knocks on her door. He needs some help from a non-Jew with little tasks forbidden on the Sabbath. Could it be love? THE SABBATH GIRL is a contemporary romantic comedy with an old-fashioned heart, about the loneliness of big-city life, the surprise of encountering another culture, and the possibility of finding love next door.

“...ENDEARING and entertaining.”
BroadwayWorld

BILLIE! Backstage With Lady Day
by Synthia L. Hardy
March 18 – 19, 2023
Berger Performing Arts Center

This NAACP award winning musical starring the incomparable Synthia L. Hardy takes you back to an era where the joints were jumping and Hollywood was hopping. BILLIE! is a musically haunting, unpredictable journey into the winding road of love, joy, blues, racism, and astounding hit songs that tell the story of the amazing Billie Holiday. Actor-singer-playwright Synthia L. Hardy brings the story of Billie Holiday to vibrant life in this unforgettable musical featuring some of the 20th Century greatest hits, including “God Bless the Child”, “Strange Fruit”, “Good Morning Heartache”, and “Lover Man”.

**“Synthia paints a MASTERFUL PORTRAIT, reminding us how
Billie Holiday brought tremendous beauty into the world”**
Jazziz

SMALL MOUTH SOUNDS
by Bess Wohl
April 19 - 30, 2023

In the overwhelming quiet of the woods, six runaways from city life embark on a silent retreat. As these strangers confront internal demons both profound and absurd, their vows of silence collide with the achingly human need to connect. Filled with insightful humor, SMALL MOUTH SOUNDS is the unique and compassionate new play that asks how we address life’s biggest questions when words fail us.

“As ENTERTAINING as it is transcendent.”
Time Out New York

INVISIBLE THEATRE

The Invisible Theatre (IT) of Tucson, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, is dedicated to producing quality theatre and arts education experiences for all facets of the community, in an intimate setting that showcases local professional talent and guest artists. Started in 1971 as an arena for local playwrights, the theatre has expanded its programs to include adaptations of classics and recent Off-Broadway plays and musicals, while continuing to encourage new playwrights through both full productions and stage readings. Our award-winning arts education program for special needs children focuses on ability rather than dwelling on disability. Our commitment to artistic excellence, diversity, equity and inclusion, and quality has made the Invisible Theatre a very visible force in the local, national, and international arts scene.

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