



INVISIBLE THEATRE PRESS RELEASE

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Invisible Theatre's Landmark 50th Anniversary Continues With

Looped

By

Matthew Lombardo

September 14 - 26, 2021

All performances \$40

Group Discounts Available

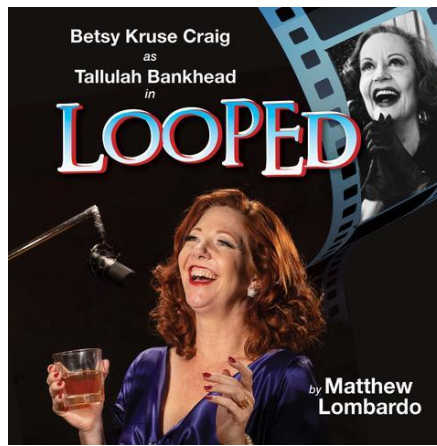
Discounts are available for groups, seniors, active military and students.

The Invisible Theatre is located at 1400 N. First Avenue (at Drachman),
Tucson, AZ 85719.

(September 1, 2021, Tucson, Arizona); Invisible Theatre continues its 50th Anniversary "Good as Gold" 50th Anniversary Season with LOOPED by Matthew Lombardo and directed by Susan Claassen. Betsy Kruse Craig stars as Tallulah and heads up the stellar cast with Damian Garcia and James Blair. The original bad girl from the golden age of Hollywood, Tallulah Bankhead was glamorous, scandalous, always witty, and never well behaved. In the summer of 1965, with her career and her life burning away, she spent one inebriated day in a Los Angeles sound studio to record a single line, a loop, of dialogue for her final film, *Die! Die! My Darling!* It was a day that would become infamous in film history. Tallulah says, "We always give the people what they want." And you are not going to want to miss this critically acclaimed production!

Please call (520) 882-9721 for reservations and information or go to www.invisibletheatre.com for online ticket sales.

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LOOPED by Matthew Lombardo will play from September 14 - 26, 2021. The Invisible Theatre is located at 1400 N. First Avenue (at Drachman), Tucson, AZ 85719. The single show ticket price is \$40. A special student rate is \$20.

Reservations are required - all seats are reserved. There will be no sales at the Box Office.

All audience members must wear masks for the duration of their time inside the theatre. All social distancing guidelines issued by the CDC and City of Tucson will be followed.

The running time is 90 minutes with no intermission.

LOOPED is appropriate for mature audiences (18 and up).

THE INVISIBLE THEATRE

The Invisible Theatre (IT) of Tucson, a 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. IT takes its name from the invisible energy that flows between a performer and audience, creating the magic of theatre. 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 staged readings.

Under the leadership of Managing Artistic Director Susan Claassen, Associate Artistic Director James Blair, Betsy Craig and PR Director Cathy Johnson, IT is strongly committed to community service and outreach programs. The company's current season includes a six play Main Stage season, many special events, a world class cabaret series, organizational collaborations, educational tours, seminars that encourage community dialogue and Project Pastime – an educational theatre program for mentally challenged youth.

The Invisible Theatre, the recipient of the first Arizona Theatre Association Award for Best Producing Theatre Company, is a member of the Theatre Communications Group and has long enjoyed both local and national recognition for its strong leadership role in the arts community. Productions take place in an intimate 80-seat converted laundry building. IT celebrates its 50th season with an even greater commitment to professionalism, artistic excellence, accessibility, freedom of expression, diverse programming and creative challenge – thus making the Invisible Theatre a very visible force in Tucson's cultural community.

ABOUT THE PEOPLE

BETSY KRUSE CRAIG is thrilled to be back at The Invisible Theatre as Associate Director and IT is ecstatic to have her! After eight years in California, Betsy is now a full time Tucson resident. Betsy began her IT career in 1994 in THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND. Other IT productions include THE BLONDE, THE BRUNETTE AND THE VENGEFUL REDHEAD, GUNMETAL BLUES, BINGO, MIRACLES, THE BATTING CAGE and YOU SHOULD BE SO LUCKY. Betsy was the artistic director at the Pear Theatre in Mountain View, CA where she starred in productions of HEDDA GABLER, AUGUST OSAGE COUNTY, HOUSE AND GARDEN, OH COWARD, and TAKING STEPS. Other favorite roles include Morticia Addams in THE ADDAMS FAMILY, Veronica in GOD OF CARNAGE, Mrs. Robinson in THE GRADUATE and Bev/Kathy in CLYBOURNE PARK all at the Palo Alto Players. Betsy has also directed many productions in Tucson and in The Bay Area including MOONLIGHT AND MAGNOLIAS, CIRCLE MIRROR TRANSFORMATION, VIOLET, ROAD TO MECCA, AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE, ONCE ON THIS ISLAND, TWELFTH NIGHT, MAJOR BARBARA and SEUSSICAL. She thanks her Invisible Theatre family for welcoming her back to her theatrical home and the rest of her family and friends for supporting local theatre!



Betsy Kruse Craig as Tallulah Bankhead

Photo credit: Tim Fuller

FACTS ABOUT LOOPED

CAST:

Betsy Kruse Craig, Damian Garcia, and James Blair

DIRECTOR:

Susan Claassen

WHERE:

The Invisible Theatre
1400 N. First Avenue (at Drachman), Tucson, AZ 85719

RUNNING TIME:

90 minutes with no intermission

AGE RECOMMENDATION:

Mature ages 18 and up. Mature language.

WHEN:

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. (Official Opening)

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 17, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. **SOLD OUT**

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 24, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. **SOLD OUT**

PRODUCTION STAFF:

PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR: Susan Claassen

SET DESIGN: James Blair and Susan Claassen

LIGHT DESIGN: Diana Knoepfle and James Blair

SOUND DESIGN: Rob Boone and Susan Claassen

COSTUME DESIGN: Maryann Trombino

PRODUCTION STAGE MANAGER: Diana Knoepfle

TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR LOOPED

**Since our Covid-19 protocols are strictly enforced,
seating remains very limited!**

IT will take requests for seating when reservations are made. Reservations are required.
There will be no sales at the Box Office!

Sanitized restrooms will be available on an emergency basis.

All audience members must wear masks for the duration of their time inside the theatre. All social distancing guidelines issued by the CDC and City of Tucson will be followed. All of our performers and staff are vaccinated and will be monitored daily.

FOR INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Call our Box Office at (520) 882-9721

Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted.

Tickets are also available 24/7 through ovationtix at www.invisibletheatre.com.

General Admission: \$40, Students: \$20

ABOUT THIS PRESS RELEASE:

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ONLINE MEDIA MATERIALS:

Production photos will be available September 5, 2021 at www.invisibletheatre.com (Press).

You may also send an email to cathy@invisibletheatre.com requesting photos be sent directly to you.

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