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Dear Patron of the Arts,

Welcome to the Herberger Theater's **2023-2024 Season!** The Herberger Theater Center is THE place to find fantastic performing companies, incredible artists, engaging events, amazing performances, and diverse experiences that *ignite emotion, stimulate conversation, and inspire connections* with the arts. We look forward to seeing you, engaging you, and inspiring you at the Herberger Theater!



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THE ADDAMS FAMILY



**Presented by Valley Youth Theatre
& Herberger Theater**
October 13-29, Stage West

A comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family. Find out what happens to our favorite frightening family when secrets are disclosed, relationships are tested, and the family must face up to the one horrible thing they've managed to avoid for generations: change.

FRANKENSTEIN



Produced by Arizona Opera
October 13-15, Center Stage

With a riveting, cinematic score and libretto by Gregg Kallar, the living, feeling Creature is brought to life only to be forsaken by its creator, Victor Frankenstein. Embracing Shelley's original text, Frankenstein gives poignant voice to the Creature's struggle and lays bare the horror of alienation and "otherness" with exquisite nuance.

MATCH GIRL



Presented by Scorpius Dance
October 19-21, Kax Stage

Kicking off their 2023/24 season, Scorpius premieres an original adaptation. Inspired by the haunting fairy tale of *The Little Match Girl* by Hans Christian Anderson, Artistic Director Lisa Starry offers a contemporary take and twist on this timeless, tragic tale.

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THE LADY WITH ALL THE ANSWERS



Presented by Order Chaos Theater Company
November 3-19, Kax Stage

“Dear Ann Landers”... For decades, renowned advice columnist Ann Landers answered countless letters from lovelorn teens, confused couples and a multitude of others in need of advice. An ironic twist of events confronts her with a looming deadline for a column dealing with a new kind of heartbreak: her own.

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS



Presented by Herberger Theater
November 18, Pavilion Stage & Herberger Plaza

Celebrate the arts in our community! Featuring performances, dance, live music, hands-on activities for kids, vendor market, food, artist demos, beer & wine garden, and more! Free Admission!

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER



Presented by Childsplay Theatre
November 18 – December 24, Center Stage

Follow the delightful journey of Rudolph, Hermey the Elf, and Yukon Cornelius as they encounter the Abominable Snowman and journey to the land of Misfit Toys. With projection magic and incredible costumes, the iconic stop-motion sensation truly jumps from the TV to the stage!

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ROSIE'S HOUSE ANNUAL CONCERT



Presented by Rosie's House
December 2-3, Stage West

Rosie's House would like to sincerely thank Herberger Theater Center for supporting Rosie's House in eliminating barriers to high quality music education for underserved communities in Phoenix.

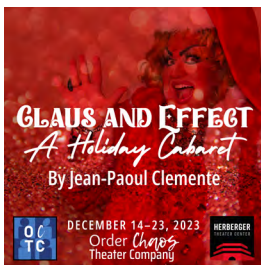
THE NUTCRACKER



Presented by Convergence Ballet
December 9-10, Stage West

Swing into the holidays with Convergence Ballet's, *The Nutcracker*. A new approach to the holiday classic adding cultural representation and fun for the whole family.

CLAUS AND EFFECT: A HOLIDAY CABARET



Presented by Order Chaos Theater Company
December 14-23, Kax Stage

T'was the night before Christmas... but this story is way before you've even opened the book. This is the untold story with Wit and Music as Mrs. Claus prepares for the Big Day and we see who really runs the show! So, on Prancer, on Dancer and get ready for a ride and sing along (if she'll let you) in this Holiday Musical Cabaret.

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PHOENIX GAY MEN'S CHORUS HOLIDAY CONCERT



Presented by Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus
December 16-17, Stage West

Join PHXGMC in a festive journey, merging heartwarming transformation, captivating melodies, and the essence of unity. Don't miss this enchanting holiday concert!

COOKING WITH THE CALAMARI SISTERS



Produced by Playhouse Productions, Inc.
December 28 – January 28, Stage West

Hilarity, failed dishes, and food fights ensue during this “live” broadcast of a public access cable cooking show hosted by two larger-than-life Italian sisters, Delphine and Carmela Calamari. The sisters sing and dance as they try to make it through their final broadcast together in one piece.

KINDERTRANSPORT



Presented by Order Chaos Theater Company
January 5-21, Kax Stage

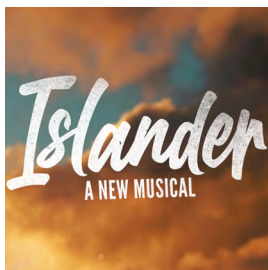
The story of how nine-year-old Eva, a German Jewish girl, is sent by her parents on the Kindertransport to start a new life with a foster family in Britain just before the outbreak of World War II. Over forty years later, her own daughter discovers some old letters and photos in the attic, she is forced to confront the truth.

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ISLANDER: A NEW MUSICAL



Presented by Herberger Theater
January 11-28, Center Stage

Two performers create a world of characters while weaving, building, and layering their voices through the ingenious incorporation of live looping technology. *Islander's* music and story transports you on a magical journey combining a contemporary Scottish folk/pop-inspired score and epic storytelling.

A Setasea LLC, Helen Milne Productions, Theatre Royal Plymouth, and Dundee Rep Theatre co-production.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK



Presented by Herberger Theater
February 8-25, Center Stage

Direct from the United Kingdom, Stephen Mallatratt adapts Susan Hill's 1983 novel: a bone-chilling drama capturing its essence with masterful precision. Making its Arizona debut, this celebrated production is a master class in atmosphere, illusion, and controlled horror. See it if you dare!

LOVE NOTES: A CABARET OF WORDS & MUSIC



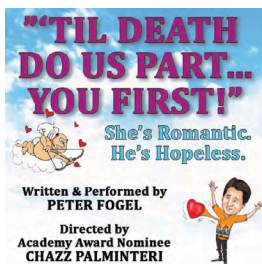
Presented by Order Chaos Theater Company
February 16 – March 3, Kax Stage

What is your love song? Is it “A Fine Romance” or “Bad Romance?” These and many more “Love Notes” of music are performed in this Cabaret. A collection of Monologues and Poems written by Phoenix based Playwrights and Writers accompanied by original songs by Phoenix based Composers, and well-known tunes.

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TIL DEATH DO US PART... YOU FIRST!



Presented by Playhouse Productions, Inc.
February 22-March 24, Stage West

Award-winning Actor/Comedian Peter Fogel presents over 10 hilarious characters in his Off-Broadway hit theatrical comedy that lampoons the absurdity of love, marriage, and relationships. (Directed by Academy Award Nominee Chazz Palminteri)

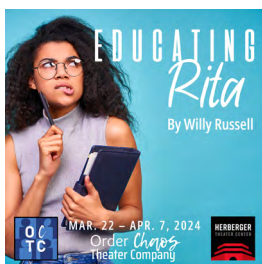
MARIACHI AND FOLKLÓRICO FESTIVAL



Presented by Herberger Theater and C.A.L.L.E de Arizona in partnership with Maestra Vanessa Ramirez
March 2, Center Stage

Celebrate a new tradition and experience the rich cultural history of Mexico through vibrant music and dance. Featuring headliner Mariachi Estrella de Mexico, and other world-renown Mariachi bands, performers and folklórico dancers from Ballet Folklórico Quetzalli-AZ.

EDUCATING RITA



Presented by Order Chaos Theater Company
March 22 - April 7, Kax Stage

Frank is an English tutor whose disillusioned outlook on life drives him to drink and bury himself in books. Enter Rita, a hairdresser who wins over Frank with her innate insight and refusal to take no for an answer. The relationship as teacher and student blossoms, giving Frank a new sense of self and Rita the knowledge she craves.

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ANIMAL

SCORPIUS
DANCE THEATRE

Presented by Scorpius Dance
April 11-13, Kax Stage



An original show created by Scorpius' Director, Lisa Starry, inspired by her love of animals and passion for their well-being. Featuring nine different dance works and comedic interludes, the show explores the relationship we have with animals, as well as their social interactions, physicality and movement.

REVERB: CONTEMPORARY MUSIC FESTIVAL



Presented by Phoenix Symphony
April 18 & 20, Stage West

An exploration and celebration of works from the current musical landscape. The 3rd Annual Festival includes intimate concerts, panel discussions and behind-the-scenes events. Conducted by Tito Muñoz and curated by GRAMMY-nominated violinist and composer Curtis Stewart.

PLATED & STAGED... A HERBERGER THEATER EXPERIENCE



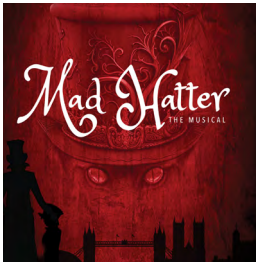
A Mad Hatter Event
April 21

Dine out to benefit the Herberger Theater's youth education and community engagement programs! The event begins at the Herberger Theater with cocktails, silent and live auction and entertainment. Dinner will follow but we won't tell you which fabulous Valley restaurant you are going to until after you party at the Herberger Theater.

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MAD HATTER THE MUSICAL



Presented by Herberger Theater
May 1-19, Center Stage

A thrilling and unforgettable new production and world premiere, the show will bring new life to familiar characters as a prequel to Alice in Wonderland. Interwoven with a powerful musical score, the story begins on the dark and gritty streets of London where we follow the broken soul of a young man named Franklin Magellan, aka Mad Hatter.

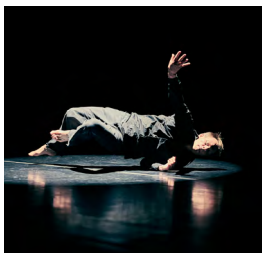
THE TABLE



Presented by Scorpius Dance
June 6-8, Kax Stage

Moments of our lives are played out at the table; assemblies of joy, romance, conflict, family, and unexpected encounters. "The Table" is a gathering for us all to dream, laugh, and be moved by the power of intimate, in-person performance. Includes new and reimagined pieces by Artistic Director Lisa Starry and guest works by Scorpius Dancers.

THIRD SPACE DANCE FESTIVAL



Presented by Third Space Dance Project
June 12-14, Kax Stage

Local professional dance artists and choreographers will showcase their movement-based representation of the quality and diversity of artistry and talent in Arizona. The performances will feature noteworthy ranges of artistic approaches, styles and movement aesthetics.

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YOUTH EDUCATION

The Herberger Theater provides arts experiences and cultural enrichment for children in our community. With your help, we will continue to reach underserved youth and open their imagination to the magic of live performing arts.



ARIZONA YOUNG ARTISTS' COMPETITION FEBRUARY 17, 2024

The competition showcases the diverse and emerging talent of young Arizona artists, introduces them to the audition process, and provides them with an opportunity to interact with highly-regarded arts professionals. Students, ages 15-21, compete in the areas of Acting, Dance, Classical Voice and Musical Theatre Voice for an opportunity to win a scholarship to help further their education in the arts.



WOLF TRAP JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Wolf Trap is a performance residency and arts field trip program for underserved preschool and Head Start children created to enhance the educational advancement of children and to train parents and teachers in the use of performing arts as a teaching tool. At the conclusion of the classroom curriculum, the children attend a field trip at the Herberger Theater, specially created to give them their first introduction to live performance. Activities include a movement class, ballet and participatory music session.



THEATER CAMP JUNE 3-14, 2024

The Herberger Theater and Free Arts for Abused Children partner to heal young lives through the performing arts. Teens living in group homes, shelters and residential facilities throughout Maricopa County create and experience the arts through a two-week camp. Guest artists introduce improvisation, costumes, props and technical components of theater. The final production is totally created by the teens, culminating with an inspirational performance.

FIRST FRIDAY LIVE

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Join us First Friday from October through May, 6:00PM to 9:00PM on the Herberger Theater Pavilion Stage for free outdoor performances featuring diverse and eclectic artists, music, performance art, visual art, interactive activities, and food and drink specials. Each month is themed and spotlights a local non-profit organization.

October 6 – Haunting at the Herberger

November 3 – Día de los Muertos

December 1 – Holiday Cheer

January 5 – Celebrating 2024 – Dance Party

February 2 – Gospel Night

March 1 – Folklorico & Mariachi on the Pavilion

April 5 – Jazz on the Pavilion

May 3 – Broadway Night



ART GALLERIES

The Herberger Theater's Art Galleries feature creative and inspiring work, showcasing Arizona artists and providing a platform for visual art. Hours are 12pm to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday and during performances. All artwork is for sale with a portion of the proceeds from each piece sold benefiting the Herberger Theater's youth outreach programs.

2023-2024 EXHIBITS

Stranger Things II

October 6-30

Feminine Presence featuring Nasim Nourian

October 6-29

Rainbow

November 3-26

Autumn

November 3-27

Tiny

December 1 – January 1

Quotes

December 1 – January 2

expressiveVISIONS featuring Gary Vulcano

January 5-28

Featured Artists

January 5-29

Birds, Bugs & Blooms

February 2-25

A Perspective from Above

February 2-26

Water

March 1-31

Barrio

March 1 – April 1

O'Keeffe

April 5-28

Featured Artist Exhibit

April 5-29

Curiouser & Curiouser

May 1-29

A Tea Party

May 1-29

CITYarts 50 States of Peace

June 1 – July 30



PERFORMANCE POP-UPS

FREE outdoor presentations that celebrate the depth and variety of Arizona's talent and provide high-quality music, dance, and theatrical programming in a safe and welcoming environment. The 60-minute performances are held on select Saturday evenings from 6pm-7pm, showcasing artists and performances that are diverse and reflective of our community.

October 7 – Convergence Ballet Company
October 14 – Phoenix College Mariachi Band
October 28 – Roman Orona – Indigenous Beats

November 4 – Furious Styles Crew
November 11 – Rosie's House

December 2 – Sonoran Gypsies
December 9 – Mesa Community College Dance Department
December 16 – Sounds Academy

January 13 – Fushicho Daiko Dojo
January 20 – Phoenix Youth Circus Arts
**January 27 – Arizona Young Artists' Competition Winner,
Nora Palermo**

February 3 – Keith Johnson of Sankofa Island Magic
February 10 – Metropolitan Arts Institute
February 24 – Third Space Dance

March 9 – Voices of the Desert
March 16 – Gabriel Bey
March 23 – Take Cover
March 30 – Phoenix Conservatory of Music

April 6 – BASIS Band
April 20 – Glendale Community College
April 27 – Movement Source Dance

LUNCH TIME THEATER

Lunch Time Theater offers one-act plays lasting 45 to 50 minutes and guests can bring a lunch or pre-order one from the Herberger Theater's caterer when ordering tickets. Tickets are \$10 each, not including lunch, and the short plays and musicals feature some of the greatest rising groups in the Arizona theatre scene.



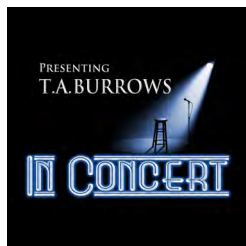
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FRANCES SMITH COHEN'S *SNOW QUEEN*

Presented by Center Dance Core

November 27 – December 14, Kax Stage

Delight in this magical story about the power of true love as young Gerda seeks to rescue Kai from the Snow Queen's Icy Palace. Based on Hans Christian Andersen's wintery fairy tale of the struggle between good and evil.



IN CONCERT

Presented by ACT TWO PRODUCTIONS

January 29 – February 8, Kax Stage

In this hour-long tour-de-force, T.A. Burrows performs some of his favorite pop, soul, and rock 'n' roll songs in his own dynamic style. Between the tunes, T.A. will keep you engaged with hilarious anecdotes reflecting his amazing career.

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THEMES & VARIATIONS... A MUSICAL REVUE

Presented by SCAN Originals

March 4-14, Kax Stage

From the company that brought you 11 years of musical revues entitled BROADWAY BASED ON... comes the fifth show in their series: THEMES & VARIATIONS... In this new revue you'll hear some of your favorite songs in an original setting.



TWO (LITTLE) OLD BROADS

Presented by Judy Rollings & Sydney Davis

May 6-16, Kax Stage

The original "Old Broads" starred Judy, and her friend Patti Davis Suarez. However, in the absence of Patti, Miss Davis has signed on. They will struggle through song and dance to define this new partnership.



RAISED IN WAR: WOUNDED CHILDHOODS

Presented by New Carpa Theater Co.

May 20-30, Kax Stage

Children of war have existed for as long as war itself. To be raised amidst an armed conflict can mean having to forgo a so-called normal childhood in exchange for basic survival. This story was inspired by the survivors of battle-torn countries.



93 TIL' INFINITY: FURIOUS STYLES: A JOURNEY OF BROTHERHOOD, BEATS, AND DREAMS

Presented by Furious Styles Crew

June 17-27, Kax Stage

Set against the backdrop of the vibrant hip-hop culture of the 1990s, this inspiring play chronicles the extraordinary life of J. Edson "House" Magaña and the birth of the legendary Furious Styles Crew (FSC).

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ISLANDER

JANUARY 11 - 28, 2024

CENTER STAGE

★★★★★ *"MYSTICAL & BEAUTIFUL!"* - THE NEW YORK TIMES

Two performers create a world of characters while weaving, building, and layering their voices through the ingenious incorporation of live looping technology. This innovative approach produces a mesmerizing and immersive auditory soundscape that transports your senses and stirs your imagination. Don't miss this internationally acclaimed hit that tells the story of a community in peril and two young people finding connection inside it.

A Setasea LLC, Helen Milne Productions, Theatre Royal Plymouth, and Dundee Rep Theatre co-production.



THE WOMAN IN BLACK

FEBRUARY 8 - 25, 2024

CENTER STAGE

★★★★★ *"INGENIOUS!"* - THE NEW YORK TIMES

The Woman in Black is a bone-chilling drama, skillfully adapted by Stephen Mallatratt from Susan Hill's renowned 1983 novel. Mallatratt's ingenious stage adaptation breathes life into this acclaimed ghost story, capturing its essence with masterful precision. With nothing more than a sheer fabric, a wicker skip, and a door, Mallatratt conjures an entire world, inviting generations of young audiences to immerse themselves in the transformative power of theater: the boundless realm of their own imaginations.

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MAD HATTER THE MUSICAL

MAY 1 - 19, 2024
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A THRILLING WORLD PREMIERE!

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