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SEASON GUIDE

Dear Patron of the Arts,

As we celebrate 35 years of bringing the arts to life in the heart of Phoenix, we are excited to welcome you to another unforgettable season at the Herberger Theater Center. For over three decades, we've been a proud home for creativity, expression, and community, showcasing the best in live performance and the power of storytelling.

This year, we invite you to experience a season filled with exceptional artistry, where every production reflects our commitment to fostering and celebrating the performing arts. Whether you're a long-time supporter or a first-time visitor, we hope you find inspiration, connection, and joy in the transformative world of theater.

Thank you for being part of this vibrant Arizona tradition, and here's to many more years of creativity and collaboration.

Mark Mettes
President & CEO
Herberger Theater Center

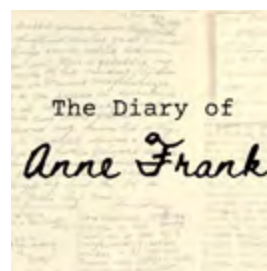
'NIGHT MOTHER



Presented by Order Chaos Theater Company
September 13-29, Kax Stage

Jessie's pivotal decision unveils the complexities of her past and her relationship with her mother through a revealing dialogue. The story explores the repercussions of concealed family truths. Note: *'night Mother* contains themes related to mental health and self harm. Viewer discretion is advised.

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK



Presented by Childsplay
September 14-28, Stage West

This stage adaptation of *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank (1947) details the experiences of Anne Frank, a Jewish teenager who kept a diary while in hiding with her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands in World War II.

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Presented by Otis Williams & Herberger Theater Center
October 4-5, Center Stage

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GOLDEN GIRLS THE LAUGHS CONTINUE



Presented by Murray & Peter Present and Innovation Arts & Entertainment
October 17-20, Center Stage

Blanche and Rose have founded CreakN, a raunchy dating app for seniors and Dorothy falls in love using the app (all while Sophia is out on bail for running a drug ring for retirees). Relive the heartfelt hilarity of four ladies who never stopped being your friends!

ANNIE



Presented by Almost Famous Theatre Company
October 18-20, Stage West

An optimistic orphan's quest for family transforms her life and the lives of those around her, from the orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan to the mansion of billionaire Oliver Warbucks in 1930's New York City.

NEXT FALL



Presented by Order Chaos Theater Company
November 1-17, Kax Stage

Next Fall navigates the intricacies of a five-year relationship between two gay men, Luke and Adam, whose starkly different religious beliefs add layers of complexity until an unexpected accident alters their lives irreversibly. Adam's journey following the accident leads him to seek solace and understanding from Luke's circle.

RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER



Presented by Childsplay
November 16 – December 23, 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. The iconic stop-motion sensation comes to life onstage with projection magic and incredible costumes.

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS



Presented by Herberger Theater
November 16, Pavilion Stage & Herberger Plaza

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

MARIACHI CELEBRATION WEEKEND



Presented by Rosie's House
November 23-24, Stage West

Join us in celebrating Mexico's rich musical tradition with an exclusive lineup of some of Arizona's most inspiring acts. The weekend features concerts by Mariachi Pueblo Viejo, Rosie's House Mariachis, and special guest artists.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS MUSICAL



Presented by Christmas Greetings Musical Electric Kingdom Entertainment

November 29 – December 1, 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!

THE NUTCRACKER



Presented by Convergence Ballet & Ballet Theatre of Phoenix

December 14-15, Stage West

Swing into the holidays with Convergence Ballet and Ballet Theatre of Phoenix as they present *The Nutcracker*. A brilliant new approach to the holiday classic adding cultural representation and fun for the whole family.

A THREE TENORS CHRISTMAS: ELEMENTRIO



Presented by Herberger Theater Center

December 10, Stage West

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THE SECRET COMEDY OF WOMEN



Produced by Playhouse Productions, Inc.

January 2-26, Stage West

This two-hour variety show features sketches, improv, audience participation, multimedia elements, characters and nonfiction memoirs, all focusing on womanhood. The show was inspired by the two authors' real-life diaries about growing up, getting older, and laughing at life as a woman. We promise you'll leave laughing!

CLAUS AND EFFECT



Presented by Order Chaos Theater Company

December 12-22, Kax Stage

Mrs. Claus finds herself disillusioned and “over it” with the holiday season, so the mischievous trio Prancer, Dancer, and Vixen concoct a plan to reignite Mrs. Claus's holiday spirit. Claus and Effect draws inspiration from classic tales like “A Christmas Carol,” “It's a Wonderful Life,” and “A Christmas Story.”

THE LION IN WINTER



Presented by Order Chaos Theater Company

January 10-26, Kax Stage

A comedic yet deeply dramatic portrayal of the power struggles within the Plantagenet family, vying for control of a kingdom. With the backdrop of a Christmas visit, tensions escalate as each family member schemes to secure their place in the line of succession, exposing the dysfunctional yet enthralling essence of familial politics.

RHAPSODY & RHYTHM: THE GERSHWIN CONCERT EXPERIENCE



Presented by Herberger Theater Center
January 24-25, Center Stage

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DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS!



Presented by Childsplay
February 8 – March 9, Stage West

Pigeon is not allowed to do anything! Or so it seems to him. But when the bus driver has a problem that might make the bus late, maybe now Pigeon finally has his chance. Adapted by Mo Willems from his popular book, with music by Debra Wicks La Puma, this wacky musical will amuse the whole family.

SHINE ON HARVEST MOON



Presented by Order Chaos Theater Company
February 21 – March 8, Kax Stage

A captivating musical journey that transports audiences from the vibrant streets of Tin Pan Alley to the heart of timeless songwriting influences. The production celebrates the rich tapestry of music that has shaped generations and pays homage to the golden age of songcraft, highlighting its impact on modern music.

SUN RECORDS LIVE!



Presented by Herberger Theater Center
February 28 – March 1, Center Stage

Relive the magic of the “Sun Sound” with *Sun Records Live!*, a concert showcasing thrilling live performances made famous by Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and other Sun artists. The stars come together to honor the legendary Sun Records studio in Memphis, TN.

MARIACHI AND FOLKLÓRICO FESTIVAL



Presented by Herberger Theater Center and C.A.L.L.E de Arizona in partnership with Maestra Vanessa Ramirez
March 8, Center Stage

Experience the rich cultural history of Mexico through vibrant music and dance. The event features headliner Mariachi Estrella de Mexico and other world-renowned Mariachi bands and performers accompanied by folklórico dancers from Ballet Folklórico Quetzalli-AZ.

CRIMES OF THE HEART



Presented by Order Chaos Theater Company
April 4-20, Kax Stage

Meg's career is a wreck, Lenny is celebrating her birthday alone, and Babe has just been accused of shooting her husband. The Magrath sisters converge in their small Mississippi hometown awaiting news of their grandfather's impending passing. They confront their past with a blend of gravity and humor.

EDDIE & VINNIE



Presented by Childsplay
April 26 – May 18, Stage West

A comedy about Eddie, a boy with dyslexia, and his best friend/sidekick, a wise-cracking gecko named Vinnie. Eddie is an artist who struggles with schoolwork. This play raises awareness about dyslexia, which affects one in five people. Eddie & Vinnie dispels misconceptions, challenges stigma, and encourages meaningful conversations.

PLATED & STAGED... A HERBERGER THEATER EXPERIENCE



A Herberger Theater Center fundraiser
May 4, Herberger Theater Center

The 10th annual event begins at the Herberger Theater with cocktails, silent and live auctions, 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. Each fine dining restaurant will host a table of eight for a three-course meal with wine. Proceeds benefit Herberger Theater's youth education and outreach programs.



THE SPOTLIGHT BAR



Enjoy *specialty cocktails, snacks, and more up to 60 minutes before showtime!*

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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 22, CENTER STAGE

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 PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 3-5, STAGE WEST

Wolf Trap is a performance residency and arts field trip program for preschool and Head Start children created to enhance the educational advancement of children and to train parents and teachers about performing arts as a teaching tool. At the conclusion of the classroom curriculum, the children attend a field trip to the Herberger Theater. Activities include a movement class, ballet, and a participatory music session.

FIRST FRIDAY LIVE

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

October 4 – Oktoberfest

November 1 – Día de los Muertos

December 6 – Winter Wonderland

January 3 – Rhythm & Blues Party

February 7 – Arts Showcase

March 7 – First Friday Fiesta

April 4 – Jazz Notes

May 2 – Spring Dance



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 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Sunday 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.

2024-2025 EXHIBITS

Photography

August 2 - September 29

Big

December 6 – February 2

Photography by Kids in Focus

August 2 - September 29

Square

February 7 – March 2

Food

October 4-27

Sunrise Sunset

February 7 – March 2

Featured Artists

October 4-27

Barrio

March 7-30

Nature

November 1 – December 1

Fire, Air, Earth, Water Exhibit

March 7-30

Planes, Trains & Automobiles

November 1 – December 1

People

April 4-May 28

Tiny

December 6 – February 2

Carousel

April 4-May 28



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 performances are held on Saturday evenings 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., showcasing artists and performances that are diverse and reflective of our community.

EL MAMBO – October 12

Dance Fusion AZ – October 19

Sandra Bassett – October 26

Arizona Girlchoir – November 2

Condor Dance – November 9

Phoenix Youth Circus – November 30

SOUNDS Academy – December 14

Brittani Jay – December 21

“Home Alone” Film on the Pavilion – December 28

Serenity – January 11

Metropolitan Arts Institute – January 18

Scottsdale Community College – January 25

Lisa Hightower – February 2

Third Space Dance Project – February 15

Driftwood Quintet – February 22

Center Dance Core – March 1

Desert Dance Theatre – March 15

EDM Fitness “Dance Party” – March 22

The Asim Project – April 5

Showcase Community Theatre – April 19

State 48 – April 26

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.



KATE AT THE KAX: A HOLIDAY CABARET

Featuring Kate Kinhan
December 2-19, 2024, Kax Stage

Join us for *Kate at the Kax: A Holiday Cabaret*. Immerse yourself in a festive array of holiday classics, sing-alongs, and captivating acts from surprise guests. This

special event combines musical theater and opera for a heartwarming experience that will elevate your spirits. Ideal for a midday retreat, this show offers a magical journey through cherished seasonal tunes. Don't miss out on this delightful celebration of music and holiday joy!



BLACK WOMEN WALKING

February 3-13, 2025, Kax Stage

Black Women Walking is an acclaimed and mesmerizing theatrical performance that blends monologues, movement, music, and multimedia to vividly portray the stories of brave Black heroines who reshaped

American history. Showcasing an all-female cast, this powerful production is filled with emotional intensity, demonstrating that the true strength of women is recognized and celebrated in the present by reflecting on and honoring the past.



THE MOMENT

March 10-20, 2025, Kax Stage

Nina Floyd and her children, Billy and Kelsey, lead a quiet life in the suburbs of D.C. Despite Nina's bookkeeping role at the White House and her two-decade career in government, she has never been particularly interested in politics, unlike her mother, Shirley, who fondly reminisces about her days in the Black Power movement. Everything shifts on February 10, 2007, when a young, ambitious politician with "a funny name" announces his bid to become America's first Black president. This is the story of how one family's awakening unfolds and how a pivotal moment transforms their lives and history forever.



GATHER-ROUND THE CAMPFIRE

April 28 - May 8, 2025, Kax Stage

Storyteller John Abbott takes the Herberger Stage with his captivating one-act play, *Gather-round The Campfire*. Experience the thrill of traditional storytelling as Abbott presents a classic ghost story from the Old West alongside a mysterious legend set on the Caribbean Coast of Old Mexico.



SOLID GOLD SOUL

May 12-22, 2025, Kax Stage

Solid Gold Soul is a musical celebration of an unforgettable era, showcasing two decades of iconic hits. This hour-long show features award-winning entertainer T.A. Burrows, who brings his exceptional vocal skills to life with spot-on renditions of classics by Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson & the Miracles, the Temptations, Stevie Wonder, James Brown, Al Green, and more. T.A. also keeps the audience engaged with fascinating facts and entertaining stories between the songs. With its legendary R&B tunes and timeless appeal, *Solid Gold Soul* is a performance that will deeply resonate with your soul.



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