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SEPTEMBER EXTRA EVENTS AT A GLANCE. IMPROV. COMEDY. CABARET. + SPOTLIGHT SERIES

In addition to our mainstage production of the Tampa Bay Area Premiere and 2017-18 Season Opener, **THE ROYALE** beginning on September 20, we present the following programming:

St. Petersburg, FL – American Stage offers additional, dynamic programming in our lobby cabaret space for audience enjoyment throughout September. We now have improv the first three Sundays of every month at 7PM featuring **Ricky Wayne and Gavin Hawk** with their new improv, **KARAOKE-PROV** on the first Sunday. We then have **THREE IMPROV TEAMS** each of the following two Sundays. Plus, we will also have **BEHIND-THE-SCENES: THE ROYALE**, a sneak peek before the production opens in September.

ON MAINSTAGE

Please note that the press release for **THE ROYALE** will go out on August 30. **THE ROYALE** runs September 20 through October 15.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Visit the American Stage Concessions Stand for ongoing drink specials!

Sunday, September 3 @ 7PM

HAWK & WAYNE: KARAOKE-PROV (IMPROV/COMEDY) NEW

feat. Gavin Hawk and Ricky Wayne

First Sunday of every month (except Super Bowl Sunday)

Now in their 9th season at American Stage, this hilarious "Best of the Bay" duo takes unscripted comedy to a whole new level!

This season join in with KARAOKE-PROV, the ridiculous and totally made-up stories behind the music.

Pricing: \$10 advance / \$12 door

Sunday, September 10 @ 7PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)

Second and third Sundays of every month **NEW SUNDAY ADDED**

Featuring: As Per Usual - now in their 2nd season with us (Chris Juul, Jenna Felder, Davind Reid, Mike Fogel, Gavin Stark) and The Wet Bandits (Eric Iannone, John Lasavath, Diana Kerckhof, Kevin Michalski, Theresa McCusker)

American Stage Improv House Teams present a night of outrageous improvised comedy. Laugh out loud with four house teams with their Upright Citizens Brigade style improv! Plus one indie/community team will open for each House Teams Live! show on a rotating basis.

Pricing: \$10 advance / \$12 door

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Sunday, September 17 @ 7PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)

Second and third Sundays of every month **NEW SUNDAY ADDED**

Featuring: Possible Side Effects (Kathleen Turner, Darryl Knapp, Tony Stamatoplos, Ken Butler, Phil Hill)

and T.B.D. (Larry Bukovey, Duane Hogg, David Hogg, Jenna Staab, Sean Doran, Winnie Wilson Sunquist)

American Stage Improv House Teams present a night of outrageous improvised comedy. Laugh out loud with four house teams with their Upright Citizens Brigade style improv! Plus rotating guest teams from across Tampa Bay! Plus one indie/community team will open for each House Teams Live! show on a rotating basis.

Pricing: \$10 advance / \$12 door

Tickets & Information for above events at americanstage.org/after-hours

TALKS & EVENTS

Visit americanstage.org/ROYALE and click the **TALKS & EVENTS** tab for a full listing of events.

SPOTLIGHT SERIES in SEPTEMBER

Our SPOTLIGHT series creates opportunities to take a deeper dive into the themes, artists and production elements of our mainstage plays. These events are held throughout the run of each production and encourage audience members to learn, connect, and engage with our powerful stories.

Sunday, September 10 at 1PM

Spotlight Series: BEHIND-THE-SCENES with THE ROYALE

GUEST SPEAKERS: Lisa Tricoli (Director), Aygemang Clay (Jay Jackson), and

Carolynn Esparza (Choreographer/Director of Movement)

The perfect primer! Take a peek behind the curtain before the opening of each production with this informative and entertaining presentation about the play, the playwright, and the American Stage artists who bring it all to life.

Professor Emerita Dedee Aleccia will provide relevant details about the history and central themes of the play, while members of the artistic team will give an insider's perspective on their process.

Pricing: \$10 for General Public. Free for American Stage Subscribers and Act 1 Club Members

COMING IN OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1 @ 7PM

HAWK & WAYNE: KARAOKE-PROV (IMPROV/COMEDY) NEW

Sunday, October 8 @ 7PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)

Featuring: As Per Usual - now in their 2nd season with us (Chris Juul, Jenna Felder, Davind Reid, Mike Fogel, Gavin Stark)

and The Wet Bandits (Eric Iannone, John Lasavath, Diana Kerckhof, Kevin Michalski, Theresa McCusker) Plus one

indie/community team will open for each House Teams Live! show on a rotating basis.

Sunday, October 9 at 7PM

Spotlight Series: COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: THE ROYALE

Sunday, October 15 @ 7PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)

Featuring: Possible Side Effects (Kathleen Turner, Darryl Knapp, Tony Stamatoplos, Ken Butler, Phil Hill)

and T.B.D. (Larry Bukovey, Duane Hogg, David Hogg, Jenna Staab, Sean Doran, Winnie Wilson Sunquist)

Sunday, October 22 @ 7PM

AMERICAN STORIES: THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME (STORYTELLING/CABARET/COMEDY)

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Sunday, October 27 & 28 @ 8PM / October 29 @ 7PM
AMERICAN SONG BOOK SERIES: PAUL WILBORN & BLUE ROSES
A PARTY IN PARIS WITH COLE PORTER (STORYTELLING/CABARET/COMEDY)

Sunday, October 29 at 1PM
Spotlight Series: BEHIND-THE-SCENES with MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

AMERICAN STAGE | AS/40

American Stage celebrates **40 Years Strong** this season. Since 1977, American Stage, has contributed to the vitality of Tampa Bay as a regional professional theatre. American Stage's mission is to reinforce the power of live theatre with high quality productions that excite and challenge a diverse audience. Our year-round programming seeks to realize this through our Mainstage season, Spotlight Series, 21st Century Voices: New Play Festival, American Stage in the Park and Improv. American Stage Education's offerings include award-winning Teaching Artist Outreach focused on bringing theatrical arts experiences to under-served populations, helping them to excel onstage & beyond.

We believe that through the telling of dynamic stories, live theatre has the power to unite us in our shared experiences and to deepen our connection to one another through the illumination of diverse perspectives. American Stage artists and stakeholders are responsible for helping a small theatre touring company blossom into a thriving world-class professional theatre providing nearly 70,000 Tampa Bay residents and tourists with accessible, relevant art and arts education annually.

Powerful Stories. Boldly Told.

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