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American Stage Celebrates 40 Years Strong in October with Over 1 Million Engaged.

*American Stage reflects on four decades of professional theatre,
and looks ahead to the next chapter.*

St. Petersburg, FL – This season, American Stage celebrates 40 years (**AS/40**) serving the Tampa Bay community as a non-profit professional theatre. To honor this milestone, American Stage will have an **AS/40** Intimate Celebration on Friday, October 6 at 6:30 PM hosted by The Birchwood in their Grand Ballroom located at 340 Beach Dr NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. Attendees at this fundraising event will enjoy libations, a seated gourmet dinner and special performances by favorite American Stage artists highlighting 40 years of powerful stories, and more!

Individual tickets are \$150 and \$1,100 for a table of 8 persons to attend. The benefit value for the evening is \$50 per ticket with the remaining amount considered a tax-deductible charitable contribution. Individuals or businesses are also able to sponsor an artist to be a part of this **AS/40** event for a \$150 donation. Purchases can be made online at americanstage.org/as40 or by contacting the Advancement Team at [727.823.1600 x207](tel:727.823.1600x207) or email advancement@americanstage.org

"American Stage's 40th anniversary provides us the opportunity not only to look back at the impressive history of this beloved organization, it is a crucial moment for us to look ahead at our role in shaping the next 40 years of theatre in Tampa Bay. American Stage's legacy as an arts leader and community partner in our region reminds us that the performing arts are an essential ingredient to a strong and vibrant city" - Stephanie Gularte, Producing Artistic Director

As American Stage celebrates four decades of history, community members are encouraged to take a moment and share their favorite memories of American Stage throughout years. American Stage welcomes you to share memories by submitting stories and photos online by visiting americanstage.org/as40 or by posting to the american stage Facebook page at facebook.com/americanstage

Since 1977, American Stage has contributed to the vitality of Tampa Bay as a regional professional theatre. From their humble beginnings as a small theatre touring company to a worldclass professional theatre with robust programming and a \$3.5 million annual economic impact, American Stage continues to thrive as a valued arts institution, employer and economic driver in our community. Their powerful performances and comprehensive arts education and outreach programs elevate the quality of life and social impact for Florida residents and visitors alike.

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American Stage celebrates the power of live theatre to unite people in their shared experiences and to deepen their connection to one another through the illumination of diverse perspectives. They believe that dynamic storytelling, told boldly and with a dedication to quality can do more than entertain; it has the potential to create experiences that enrich our lives. American Stage's year-round programming seeks to realize this through our Mainstage Season, 21st Century Voices: New Works Festival, American Stage in the Park, Youth Theatre Classes & Outreach, Live Improv, Summer Camp & Much More!

Stephanie Gularte, Producing Artistic Director adds, "Throughout this anniversary season we will be celebrating our legacy while working hard to pursue our vision and establish strategies to ensure that the performing arts in St Pete and Tampa Bay continues to thrive."

American Stage artists, staff, audiences, trustees, donors, and stakeholders have made it possible for this company's development and growth over the past four decades. Annually, American Stage's current programming reaches 70,000 of Tampa Bay's residents and tourists with accessible, relevant art and arts education. In their forty years American Stage has reached more than a million residents and visitors to the community! As the City of St. Petersburg continues to gain more global recognition as a premier arts destination, with support, American Stage can fund a future that brings their brand of theatre to reach even more people, with exceptional quality and powerful storytelling for all.

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Friday, October 06, 2017

Event: AS/40: An Intimate Celebration

When: 6:30PM – 10:00PM

Where: The Grand Ballroom at The Birchwood, 340 Beach Dr NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Pricing: Individual Tickets - \$150 | Table of Eight - \$1,100

Book: <http://americanstage.org/as40/> or call 727.823.1600 x207 or visit **box office**.

SERVICE & FACILITIES

Physical Accessibility: The theatre features accessible parking, entrances, restrooms, and seating.

*Displaying a valid disabled parking permit will allow you to park at City metered spaces for FREE, for as long as your event requires, including those posted with time limit signs (green signs). **This does not apply to loading zones or otherwise restricted parking signage (red signs).***

Large Print Program: Theatregoers may peruse large print programs for each Mainstage production.

Listening System: Theatregoers may enjoy the free infrared listening system from any seat.



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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 underserved 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.

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