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OCTOBER EXTRA EVENTS...A Closer Look.

IMPROV. COMEDY. CABARET.

+ SPOTLIGHT SERIES

In addition to their current Mainstage production,
THE ROYALE extended through **October 22**, we present the following programming:

St. Petersburg, FL – Beyond their Mainstage, American Stage offers additional, dynamic programming for audience enjoyment throughout October. Featuring live music, creative storytelling, improv comedy, and post-show conversation in our lobby café. And they are proud to announce the Family Series, **IN THE GARDEN OF RIKKI TIKKI TAVI** presented on their Mainstage. These programs brings together local performers and guests to celebrate and unite the Tampa Bay community.

ON MAINSTAGE

THE ROYALE extended through October 22. Added dates include: Thursday, October 19, at 8 PM, Friday, October 20 at 8 PM, Saturday, October 21 at 8 PM and Sunday, October 22 at 3 PM.

Sunday, October 8 @ 7PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)

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

Featuring: *Improvaholics*, *As Per Usual* (now in their 2nd season with us) and *The Wet Bandits*

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

Sunday, October 15 @ 7PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)

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

Featuring: *Previously On*, *Possible Side Effects*, and *T.B.D.*

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

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October 21 & 22, 2017 at 12PM

IN THE GARDEN OF RIKKI TIKKI TAVI (FAMILY SERIES)

By Rudyard Kipling | Adapted by Y. York | Directed by Tiffany Ford

As we celebrate our WE THE PEOPLE season, we present a family friendly production encouraging us the power of “we” instead of “me.” American Stage’s annual School Tour brings the finest children’s literature to the stage. The 2017 School Tour of IN THE GARDEN OF RIKKI TIKKI TAVI will hit the road in September, making a stop at our mainstage for two special performances in October.

When Rikki Tikki Tavi washes up in a pristine garden, Darzee, the sassy tailor bird, is not amused and refuses to share. Darzee and her friend, Chuchu, pull out the stops attempting to run off the pesky mongoose. But watch out for Nag, the cobra! The other animals will have to band together when Nag sets his sights on Rikki! This hilarious adaptation of the Kipling classic offers a poignant message about sharing and collaboration.

Pricing: \$10 advance / \$12 door (20% off for groups of 4 or more)

Sunday, October 22 | 7PM

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

Featuring storytellers Rachel Harrison, Cranstan Cumberbatch, Paula Broadwater, and more!

In the tradition of radio programs like THE MOTH RADIO HOUR and SNAP JUDGMENT, artists and storytellers from all over the Bay Area come together to share their tales through powerful song, moving poetry, and relatable comedy. Take a unique journey that is alternately funny, touching, and incendiary — giving us different perspectives on life in America.

Pricing: \$15

Sunday, October 27 & 28 @ 8PM / October 29 @ 7PM

AMERICAN SONGBOOK SERIES: A PARTY IN PARIS WITH COLE PORTER (CABARET)

Featuring Paul Wilborn & Blue Roses

An ex-pat in the 1920s, Cole Porter threw the grandest parties in Paris and his guests included George Gershwin, Rodgers and Hart, Irving Berlin, lots of great and not-so great writers and artists. Join us for a marvelous party! The show features Paul Wilborn on piano and vocals, Ms. Eugenie Bondurant, on vocals; Frank Bowman on horns and reeds; and Matt Cowley on percussion.

Pricing: \$20

Monday, October 30 @ 7PM & 9PM

SCOTT & PATTI: SPOOKTACULAR (CABARET)

Featuring Scott Daniel and Matthew McGee

Join Tampa Bay’s favorite mother/son nightclub act for the SCOTT AND PATTI: SPOOKTACULAR! Get ready for an all-new campy cabaret that celebrates Halloween with spooky musical numbers, spell-binding costumes, vegan zombies, FREE candy and a special appearance by Sonny and Cher. Bring your guy or ghou and wear your favorite costume! Order your tickets now and spend the evening before Halloween trick-or-treating with Scott and Patti (Scott Daniel and Matthew McGee). Only at American Stage and performed in the theatre.

Pricing: \$20

Tickets & Information for above events at americanstage.org/beyond

TALKS & EVENTS

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

SPOTLIGHT SERIES in OCTOBER

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.

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Sunday, October 8 (Post-Performance)

Spotlight Series: CHATBACK - THE ROYALE

Stick around immediately following select performances to talk with the cast and other audience members while the experience of the play is fresh! Ask questions about the play, the characters, and the process, plus respond to the story and ideas aroused by the production. Free for ticket holders to the performance.

Wednesday, October 11 (Post-Performance)

Spotlight Series: COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS - THE ROYALE

Great theatre inspires contemplation and challenges our assumptions while inviting us to come together for conversation and a deeper connection. From social and political hot-button issues to ethical dilemmas, American Stage's COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS dig deeper into the intriguing and sometimes provocative topics explored by our mainstage productions. Join us for a lively discussion with questions about the relevancy of the subject matter explored in the play. **Pricing: Free**

Sunday, October 29 at 1PM

Spotlight Series: BEHIND-THE-SCENES - MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

GUEST SPEAKERS: Benjamin T. Ismail and cast members

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 NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 5 @ 7PM

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

Sunday, November 12 @ 7PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)

Featuring: *Third Thought, As Per Usual, and The Wet Bandits*

Thursday, November 16, Sundays, November 19 & 26 (Post-Performance)

Spotlight Series: CHATBACK on THE ROYALE

Sunday, November 19 @ 7PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)

Featuring: *Mixed Emojis, Possible Side Effects, and TBD*

Sunday, November 26 @ 7PM

SHAKESPEARE'S LOVERS (STORYTELLING/CABARET/COMEDY)

Meet some of Shakespeare's most memorable lovers through story and song.



EAT/DRINK/ENGAGE

This season come together for a drink, a bite, and good conversation in our lobby cafe.

PRE-SHOW

Arrive 45 minutes before any mainstage production and enjoy some refreshments from American Stage's lobby cafe and listen to a live PROLOGUE presentation providing insight into the show you are about to see.

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POST-SHOW

Hang out in American Stage's lobby cafe & bar after mainstage performances, grab a cup of coffee or a glass of wine and chat about the show. Often, actors or members of the creative team will join in to take part in these non-structured 'cafe conversations.'

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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