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SPRING INTO AMERICAN STAGE IMPROV. SPOTLIGHT SERIES

**In addition to the Mainstage production,
MARJORIE PRIME running March 7 –April 1
And American Stage in the Park's THE PRODUCERS coming in April,
American Stage presents the following programming:**

St. Petersburg, FL –American Stage brings dynamic programming throughout March and April, beyond the Mainstage production and American Stage in the Park, featuring improv comedy, and post-show conversation in the lobby café. These programs bring together local performers and guests to celebrate and unite the Tampa Bay community.

ON MAINSTAGE

**American Stage/Capital Stage Co-Production
MARJORIE PRIME running through MAR 7 – APR 1**
Directed by Producing Artistic Director Stephanie Gularte

**AMERICAN STAGE IN THE PARK PRESENTED BY: BANK OF AMERICA
April 18 through May 13 (Gala Under the Stars: Friday, April 20, 2018 at 6pm)
THE PRODUCERS**

Performed at Demens Landing Park
Directed by Rye Mullis
Starring Matthew McGee* (HAIRSPRAY) as Max Bialystock
*Separate press release will follow

AND BEYOND

**Sunday, March 4 | 7PM
HAWK & WAYNE: KARAOKE-PROV (IMPROV/COMEDY)**

First Sunday of every month.

Now in their 9th season, 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, March 11 | 7PM
HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)**

Second and third Sundays of every month
Featuring: Early Bird Special, As Per Usual, 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 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

Sunday, March 18 | 7PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)

Second and third Sundays of every month

Featuring: Third Thought, Possible Side Effects, TBD

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

Sunday, April 1 | 7PM

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

First Sunday of every month.

Now in their 9th season, 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, April 8 | 8PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY) at AMERICAN STAGE

Second and third Sundays of every month

Featuring: Troupe X, As Per Usual, 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 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

Sunday, April 15 | 7PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY) at AMERICAN STAGE

Second and third Sundays of every month

Featuring: Mixed Emojis, Possible Side Effects, TBD

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/beyond

TALKS & EVENTS

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

SPOTLIGHT SERIES in MARCH & APRIL

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.

Thursday, March 15 | Sunday March 18 & 25* (Post-Performance)

Spotlight Series: CHATBACK – MARJORIE PRIME

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.

**The chatback scheduled for 3/25 has been changed to a Community Conversation directly following the Matinee Performance*

Sunday, March 25 (Directly Following the Performance)

Spotlight Series: COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS – MARJORIE PRIME

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. MARJORIE PRIME asks us to think about where technology is heading, specifically when it comes to virtual reality and artificial intelligence applications. How can technological progress help us and hinder us? Can we, and should we control it?

Free Event

COMING IN MAY & JUNE

Saturday, May 5 | 7PM

AMERICAN STORIES: ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD (STORY-TELLING/CABARET)

Sunday, May 6 | 7PM

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

Friday, May 11 @ 8pm | Saturday, May 12 @ 8pm | Sunday May 13 @ 7pm

AMERICAN SONGBOOK: THE SHADOW OF YOUR SMILE, A 60's SONGBOOK (CABARET)

Featuring: Paul Wilborn and Blue Roses

Sunday, May 20 | 7PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)

Featuring: Early Bird Special, As Per Usual, and The Wet Bandits

Sunday, May 27 | 7PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)

Featuring: Early Bird Special, Possible Side Effects, TBD

Sunday, June 3 | 7PM

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

Sunday, June 10 | 7PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)

Featuring: Improvaholics, As Per Usual, The Wet Bandits

Sunday, June 17 | 7PM

HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)

Featuring: Previously On, Possible Side Effects, TBD

Monday, June 18 & 25 | 7pm

SUNCOAST AIDS THEATRE PROJECT PRESENTS: PRELUDE TO PRIDE

Featuring: *Matthew McGee and special guests*



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.

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.' *Enjoy Happy Hour drink specials after the show every Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.*

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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