



**POWERFUL STORIES. BOLDLY TOLD. 40 YEARS STRONG.**

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**MAY & JUNE EXTRA EVENTS AT A GLANCE.  
IMPROV. COMEDY. CABARET. SPOTLIGHT.**

**In addition to the American Stage in the Park production,  
THE PRODUCERS running now through May 13**

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**Mainstage Production STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR playing May 23 through June 17  
American Stage presents the following programming:**

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

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**ON MAINSTAGE**

**STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR** running through May 23 – June 17

Directed by Jim Sorensen

\*Separate press release arriving on 5/4

**AMERICAN STAGE IN THE PARK PRESENTED BY: BANK OF AMERICA**

**THE PRODUCERS** running April 18 through May 13

Directed by Rye Mullis

Starring Matthew McGee\* (HAIRSPRAY) as Max Bialystock

**AND BEYOND**

**Sunday, May 6 @ 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**

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

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

*Featuring: Paul Wilborn and Blue Roses*

**Pricing: \$20 advance**

**Sunday, May 20 @ 7PM**

**HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)**

**Second and third Sundays** of every month

*Featuring: Escape Artisans, As Per Usual, 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 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, May 27 @ 7PM**

**HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)**

**Second and third Sundays** of every month

*Featuring: Featuring: Early Bird Special, 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, June 3 @ 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, June 10 @ 7PM**

**HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)**

**Second and third Sundays** of every month

*Featuring: Improvaholics, 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, June 17 @ 7PM**

**HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)**

**Second and third Sundays** of every month

*Featuring: Previously On, 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**

**Mondays, June 18 & 25 @ 7PM**

**BENEFIT SERIES: DANNIE (COMEDY)**

This summer, MattocS Productions in association with Suncoast AIDS Theatre Project and American Stage present the all-new Pride parody musical, DANNIE. DANNIE stars Scott Daniel as everyone's favorite orphan with Jonathan Harrison as Sugar Daddy Bigbucks and Matthew McGee as Miss Mannigan. **All proceeds will be donated to Metro Wellness & Community Centers.**

**Pricing: GA \$20, VIP \$35**

**Saturday, June 23 @ 7PM**

**Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Presents JAZZ SOLSTICE (CONCERT)**

The Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association is thrilled to bring a special evening of jazz to American Stage's lobby. Featuring Fred Johnson on vocals and cajon, Synia Carroll on vocals, J.J. Pattershall on guitar and Mike Ross on bass.

**Pricing: \$20**

**Tickets & Information for above events at [americanstage.org/beyond](http://americanstage.org/beyond)**

**TALKS & EVENTS**

Visit [americanstage.org/STRAIT](http://americanstage.org/STRAIT) and click the **TALKS & EVENTS** tab for a full listing of events.

**SPOTLIGHT SERIES in May & June**

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, May 13 @ 1pm**

**Spotlight Series: BEHIND-THE-SCENES – STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR**

**Featuring Director - Jim Sorensen and Producing Artistic Director - Stephanie Gularte.**

**PLUS a special SKYPE interview with the playwright, Andrea Lepcio.**

The perfect primer! Take a peek behind the curtain before the opening of STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR 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**

**Thursday, May 31, & Sunday, June 3 & 10\*, 2018 (Post-Performance)**

**Spotlight Series: CHATBACK – STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR**

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 6/10 has been changed to a Community Conversation directly following the Matinee Performance*

**Sunday, June 10, 5pm**

**Spotlight Series: COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS – STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR**

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.

**Free Event**

## **COMING IN JULY & AUGUST**

### **MAINSTAGE**

**BAD JEWS** running July 11 through August 5

A seriously smart comedy about family, faith and legacy.

### **BEYOND**

**Sunday, July 1 @ 7PM**

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

**Sunday, July 8 @ 7PM**

**HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)**

**Sunday, July 15 @ 7PM**

**HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)**

**Saturday, July 29 @ 7PM**

**AMERICAN STORIES: WHEN I GROW UP (STORY-TELLING/CABARET)**

**Sunday, August 5 @ 7PM**

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

**Sunday, August 12 @ 7PM**

**HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)**

**Sunday, August 19 @ 7PM**

**HOUSE TEAMS LIVE! (IMPROV/COMEDY)**



### **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.*

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## **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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