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An Important Message from The Stage Company Council

"Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must - at that moment - become the center of the universe." - Elie Wiesel

Theater is the foundation of democracy.

It shines a mirror on humanity that reflects us all with startling accuracy, warts and all.

It is the duty then, both as a community and organization, to reflect more accurately the world around us. The stage has not always been the most welcoming of places for people of color, and it is time we recognize this - and actively work to change it.

As we change, as we hold up a more accurate mirror, we continue our work to act as a voice of the community around us. Right now, the voices that need to be heard are those of our Black community. The Stage Company council stands up, willing to shine a spotlight and say - Black lives matter.

This is not an issue of politics. This is an issue of humanity. This is an issue of community. Black lives matter.

We stand in solidarity with our black community.

The council is currently working on an official addendum to our constitution, a promise of diversity and inclusiveness that will continue the mission that we have already begun. The exact wording will be forthcoming, but for now, we urge you to say these names with us. We grieve with you and hope to continue shining a better light for all of our futures. We have to make this better. As artists. As a company. As a community.

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THE STAGE COMPANY IS WORKING DILIGENTLY TO DETERMINE THE BEST WAY OF CONTINUING TO BRING ART TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE AGE OF COVID 19.

Stage Company Council Officer Updates

Three Stage Company Council positions were up for elections this year, President, Vice President for Productions, and Vice President for Operations.

Thank you all for voting prior to our May General Member's Meeting.

I am pleased to announce that all three current officeholders, Susan McLernon, Brandyn McGhee, and Jodie Salazar were re-elected. We are pleased to be able to serve our company for the next two years.

There are Coordinator positions open and waiting to be filled. If you are interested in any of these Council Coordinator positions, please contact us at stagecompanycarbonda@gmail.com

Season 39

The Stage Company is pleased to announce our thirty-ninth season!

Zap (Gala - August 21st and 22nd, 2020) Directed by: Shay Miller

1984 (October 9-11, 15-18) Directed by: Brandyn McGhee

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged (Revised Version), (November 27-29, December 3-6) Directed by: Jo Ann Hensley

The Revolutionists (February 5-7, 11-14) Directed by: Elyse Pineau)

The Taffetas (April 16-18, 22-25) Directed by: Derek Hamblin

Picasso at the Lapin Agile (July 9-11, 15-18) Directed by: M.K. Hughes

Second Stage Reader's Theatre

Season Four

Here is what we have planned for Season 4 of our Second Stage Reader's Theatre:

The Exonerated, Directed by: Shay Miller

Crawling From The Wreckage, Written & Directed by: Kim Curlee

Love, Loss and What I Wore, Directed by: Sarah Alley

Striding to Eternity, Written & Directed by: Steve Falcone

As always, our Reading Theatre is free and open to the public.

Special Thank You and a Warm Welcome

The Stage Company would like to say special thank you to artist Sarah Segelhorst, who has created the artwork for the last several seasons of Stage Company,

We would also like to welcome our new artist AB Hart.

A huge thank you to you both from The Stage Company!

Important Upcoming Events

- The July General Member's meeting is scheduled for July 20th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. An invitation will be sent via email.

If you, or anyone you know, has items of interest to add to the newsletter, or would like to receive this newsletter by email, please contact Jodie Salazar at vpoperations@stagecompany.org.

If you would like to donate to The Stage Company: please visit: <https://stagecompany.org/support-us/> or donations may be sent to P.O. Box 463, Carbondale IL 62903.