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BRÜKA THEATRE 31st ANNIVERSARY SEASON: *THIRTY WONDERFUL - The show must go on!*

Reno, NV - Brüka Theatre announces its 31st Season of live theatre: *Thirty Wonderful - the show must go on!* **Season tickets go on sale September 1, 2023.** The early opportunity to purchase Brüka Season Tickets helps fund the opening of the Bruka season while giving our Season Ticket holders lots of perks, including early admittance priority seating, advanced ticket reservations before tickets go on sale to the general public, an invitation to our annual Martini Party, tickets to our Theatre For Children Production(s) and for our **BIGGEST** little Theatre Festival - in January, 2024. In addition, for our Patron Gold Season Ticket Holders - special seating of their choice. Each production enjoys an opening night reception and a talkback on the final matinee of each show. Season Tickets go on sale on September 1, 2023 at: www.bruka.org.

The 31st season opens with ***THE REFLECTIONS OF TARANTULA JONES*** weaving a web of mystery throughout a reinvented Brüka Theatre space, immersing the audience into a gallimaufry of classic literature come to life in a stimulating journey that blends mystery, adventure and interaction. Audiences meet in The Looking Glass Cabaret to begin their theatrical adventure. *The Reflections Of Tarantula Jones* opens Brüka's 31st season on Friday, October 6, 2023. **Individual tickets for The Reflections Of Tarantula Jones go on sale on September 5,**

Brüka celebrates the holidays with pure Hollywood camp presenting ***CHRISTMAS WITH THE CRAWFORDS***. This hilarious cult classic is based on an actual Christmas Eve live radio broadcast from Joan Crawford's Brentwood mansion in 1949. Filled with exaggerated silver screen icons, this mash-up musical parody is a loving homage to Hollywood's "Golden Age" and features appearances of Tinsel Town divas such as Judy Garland, Carmen Miranda, Gloria Swanson, Hedda Hopper, Ethel Merman, and the Andrews Sisters. *Christmas With The Crawfords* is a delightful alternative to the usual saccharine fare offered during the holidays and is guaranteed to make anyone who sees it feel much better about their own family at any time of year. Conceived by Richard Winchester & Written by Mark Sargent with the role of Joan originated by America's premiere Drag Queen & comedian Hedda Lettuce. *Christmas with The Crawfords* plays Friday, December 1 through December 22, 2023.

January, 2024 brings the 13th ***BIGGEST little Theatre & New Works Festival***. The festival features a variety of local playwrights and theatre artists performing and/or reading a diversity of



work over a four day period. Submissions for shows will open on September 10, 2023. The festival plays January 17 - 20, 2024

The new year brings **EVERY BRILLIANT THING** written by Duncan Macmillan with Jonny Donahoe opening January 26th in sub-Brüka. Holly Natwora directs Mary Bennett in an interactive performance about how to get to the other side of grief with a list that takes on a life of its own. A beautiful and revelatory play about depression and the lengths we will go to for those we love. “[A] heart-wrenching, hilarious play...One of the funniest plays you’ll ever see about depression—and possibly one of the funniest plays you’ll ever see, full stop...There is something tough being confronted here—the guilt of not being able to make those we love happy—and it is explored with unflinching honesty.” —The Guardian (UK)

In March of 2024, Stacey Spain returns to Brüka Theatre after her incredible performance last season in *The Beauty Queen Of Leenane*, this time directing **THE BOOK OF WILL** written by Lauren Gunderson. *The Book Of Will* takes place after the death of Shakespeare as his family of theatrical friends scramble to secure his legacy. Amidst the noise and color of Elizabethan London, *The Book Of Will* finds an unforgettable true story of love, loss, and laughter, and sheds new light on a man you may think you know.

Continuing in the theme of “The Show Must Go On”, Libby Bakke directs **KEN LUDWIG’S MOON OVER BUFFALO**. In the madcap comedy tradition of *Lend Me a Tenor*, this hilarious show centers on George and Charlotte Hay, fading stars of the 1950s. On the brink of a disastrous split-up caused by a dalliance with a young ingénue, they receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom. *Moon Over Buffalo* plays late April through May, 2024.

Brüka’s 31st season concludes with the 2014 revival of **SIDE SHOW-The Musical** with book and lyrics by Bill Russell and music by Henry Krieger. John Paul Rivard, whom you may remember from his spectacular performance as Lola in last season’s *Kinky Boots*, directs. *Side Show* takes audiences back to the 1930’s, following the legendary Hilton twins, Daisy and Violet, on their heartwarming search for love and acceptance amidst the spectacle of fame. This is the updated book and score from the 2014 revival. Featuring a diverse and talented cast *Side Show* plays June 21 - July 20, 2024. *Side Show* was sidelined by COVID in 2020, and is now back featuring the original actresses cast in the lead roles, Alexandria Pauletto and Sophie Moeller.

Brüka’s Theatre For Children returns this fall with **THE PARAMOUNT & SOMETIMES WILDY RIDICULOUS HISTORY OF NEVADA**, a whimsical, wild & abridged journey through the history of Nevada. In the spring, **MOTHER NURTURE & THE BRIGHT SIDES** brings an environmentally friendly meeting of minds to schools and communities. Brüka Theater will tour both of these shows this year. These original Brüka Theatre productions integrate theatre, history, science and social studies and tour throughout Nevada as part of The Pioneer Youth



Program Roster. Also for youth, Brüka holds their **YOUTH THEATRE WORKSHOP INTENSIVE** from JULY 22 through AUGUST 3, 2024.

This year's theme-"the show must go on"- is representative in the line up for our 2023/24 season, lending itself to the sheer excitement of live theatre along with the unbelievable challenges that come up when creating any live event. The magic of theatre is an incredible thing when the show opens, and what fun to have an intimate glimpse into the "making of". Through great heart, humor, dedication, passion and working together, exceptional theatre happens and part of the magic is ... it brings a community together. We hope you will continue to be part of our community.

If you are associated with a local charity that you believe in and would fit with our season line-up, please reach out to marybruka@gmail.com and we will do our best to access and serve the needs while we **enhance the experiences of the organizations.**

TICKET INFORMATION

Artist Night Tickets must be purchased in advance to receive a discount of our regularly priced tickets. Opening Night ticket holders are invited to a post show reception and opportunity to meet the artists. Ticket prices reflect some of the additional costs.

OPPORTUNITIES Brüka is also looking for actors, crew, production associates and volunteers for the coming season. Stay apprised of our announcements, classes, shows and auditions on our facebook page, or sign up for our online newsletter at: www.bruka.org. If you are interested in a show or season sponsorship contact: marybruka@gmail.com.

RESERVATIONS are available in person through the Brüka Box Office (775) 323-3221, online at www.bruka.org or at the Melting Pot World Emporium @ their location: 1049 S. Virginia Street, Reno. Our box office is open Thursday through Saturday from 3-6 PM and on Wednesdays by appointment. We are closed on most holidays. Our 2023/2024 Season Tickets are on sale beginning September 1, 2023. Individual tickets go on sale the Monday after the previous show closes. Check us out at www.bruka.org. All Brüka mainstage evening shows begin at **7:30 PM**. Matinees begin at **2:00 PM**. Doors open 30 minutes before curtain time. There is NO late seating and all ticket sales are final.

PARKING

We suggest convenient parking in the Court Street parking lot across from The Pioneer Theater and walking across the new Virginia Street Bridge to Brüka, FREE after 5:00 PM and all day Saturday and Sundays We also validate parking at the Parking Gallery on First and Sierra Street.

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LOCATION Brüka Theatre is located at 99 N. Virginia Street at the corner of First and Virginia Streets in downtown Reno next to the Virginia Street Bridge.

ABOUT BRÜKA THEATRE Brüka Theatre celebrates its 31st season of live theatre in downtown Reno - *Thirty Wonderful-the show must go on* for the 2023/2024 season. As an artistic leader in the region, Brüka is recognized for innovative productions, exceptionally talented artists and an acclaimed Theatre for Children touring series since its founding in 1992. Central to Brüka is the commitment to the re-investigation of contemporary and classic plays and developing new plays within Brüka's Artistic Collective, a group that includes winners of the Nevada Arts Council and Sierra Arts Foundation artist grants and nine local best actor honors. Brüka was named "Best Theatre Company" by Reno News and Review for twenty-one years. Brüka is a non-equity, small, not-for-profit member theater company and is a constituent of the national TCG (Theatre Communications Group). Brüka Theatre has produced hundreds of live shows in our downtown Reno location. Sign up for our newsletter by going to our website at www.bruka.org.

