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Syracuse Stage Annual Gala celebrates a season of live theatre

The Gala at Springside Farm provides outdoor festivities, local food and a silent auction open to the public



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SYRACUSE, NY – Syracuse Stage brings patrons and supporters together again at its <u>Annual Gala</u> on June 23 at Springside Farm in Pompey, New York. The outdoor event features local food trucks, a craft beer tasting, live music, open bar, lawn games, a Syracuse Stage gift and more. All proceeds from the gala support artistic, community engagement and educational programming at Syracuse Stage.

Also, part of Gala is a silent auction that is open to the public and Gala attendees. The digital silent auction will open prior to the event and includes a wide variety of unique items and priceless experiences. A full list of items and descriptions will be available for viewing and bidding online.

"Syracuse Stage has so much to celebrate this season," said Jill A. Anderson, Syracuse Stage managing director. "We welcomed new Associate Artistic Director Melissa Crespo, introduced Kyle Bass in his new

role as our first Resident Playwright and debuted a world premiere musical with another world premiere still to come in June. Perhaps most importantly, we celebrate the return of truly live theatre—having welcomed in-person audiences back after 18 months. We are so grateful for the steadfast support of our patrons throughout the pandemic and look toward the future of theatre at Syracuse Stage with great optimism."

The silent auction opens to the public for bidding on Monday, June 13. Auction registration is available at SSG2022.givesmart.com or by texting SSG2022 to 76278. Items available for bidding include travel opportunities to exotic locales with round-trip airfare and deluxe accommodations, valid for three years with no blackout dates; specialty gift baskets; restaurant packages; and much more. Bidding closes Thursday, June 23 at 11:59 p.m.

Tickets, including an Under 40 rate, are available for purchase at SyracuseStage.org. For table sponsorships, please contact Stefania Ianno at 315.443.2709 or snianno@syr.edu.

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ABOUT SYRACUSE STAGE

Founded in 1974, Syracuse Stage is the non-profit, professional theatre company in residence at Syracuse University. It is nationally recognized for creating stimulating theatrical work that engages Central New York and significantly contributes to the artistic life of Syracuse University, where it is a vital partner in achieving the educational mission of the University's Department of Drama. Syracuse Stage's mission is to tell stories that engage, entertain and inspire people to see life beyond their own experience. Each season 70,000 patrons enjoy an adventurous mix of new plays, and bold interpretations of classics and musicals, featuring the finest theatre artists. In addition, Stage maintains a vital educational outreach program that annually serves more than 21,000 students from 16 counties. Syracuse Stage is a constituent of the Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national organization for the American theatre, and a member of the Arts and Cultural Leadership Alliance (ACLA), the University Hill Corporation and the East Genesee Regent Association. Syracuse Stage is a member of The League of Resident Theatres (LORT), the largest professional theatre association in the country.

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