

# STAGEBRIDGE

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Oct 31, 2016

## Stagebridge Celebrates 100 Years with Isabel Ferguson



Stagebridge image of Isabel Ferguson

If you've spent some time at Stagebridge, you've met Isabel Ferguson. Isabel has been a loyal supporter, student, and member of our Stagebridge community for over 15 years. **On November 9, Isabel will celebrate her 100th birthday.** Join us on Thursday, November 10th at 3:00pm to enjoy cake and refreshments and wish Isabel a happy birthday. A special thanks to Stagebridger Suzanne Latham for offering to bake a cake for this momentous and fun occasion.

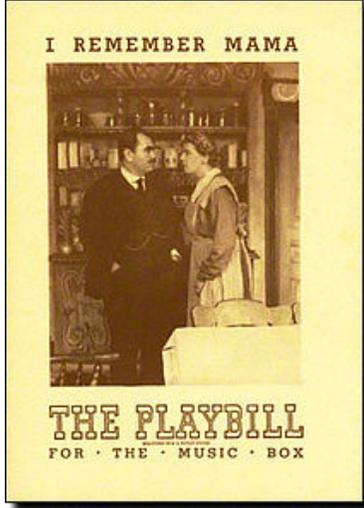
We've been so touched by the response by our students, instructors, and community supporters after Executive Director José Rivera sent out a special plea. **Please continue to send donations, ideas, contacts, leads, and**

**don't forget to register early!** We'll be opening Fall Registration on November 17 - read on for more information! And in our next newsletter, you'll find an update on what we've raised so far toward our \$15,000 matching grant from Aroha Philanthropies. It's our sincere hope that by next year at this time, our programs will be bigger and better than ever!

Finally, you may have noticed that the Stagebridge website has been having difficulties lately. We're aware of this, and we're doing our best to bring everything back up to speed. In the meantime, please know that the front page of our website will have important dates and links, including information about Fall showcases and Winter classes. You can register online through Google Forms - no need to go through our website (we'll send a link out with our registration e-mail). You can now donate directly through PayPal by visiting [www.paypal.me/stagebridge](http://www.paypal.me/stagebridge).



**Reserve Your Tickets NOW for our Fall  
2016 Advanced Playwriting Showcase**



## Stage Manager Needed!

We are looking for a volunteer to act as Stage Manager for our Staged Reading class, which is preparing a presentation of "I Remember Mama" on Tuesday, December 6.

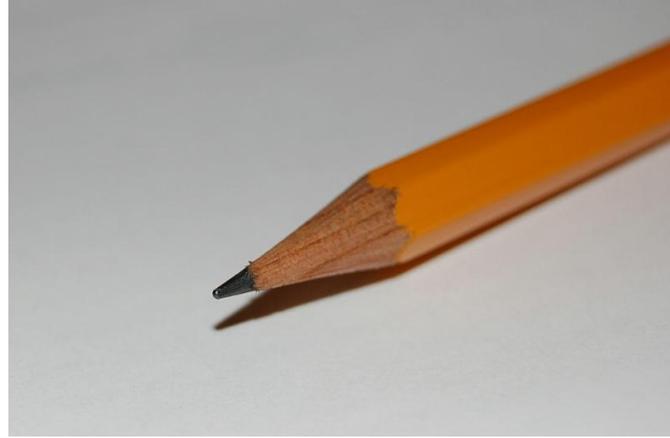
### You are:

- Available on Tuesdays from 10-12 on November 1, 8, 15, and 29, and 6-9pm on December 6.
- Enthusiastic about taking on this essential role!

**Work done as a Stage Manager can be applied to future work study scholarships for class tuition.**

If you are interested in becoming a Stage Manager, please contact [sadie@stagebridge.org](mailto:sadie@stagebridge.org) or call us at 510-444-4755.

**Support Stagebridge  
Instructors and Enjoy  
Fantastic Theater!**



**Join Stagebridge for an evening of short plays and excerpts written by our Advanced Playwriting Class.** These plays have been written in Anthony Clarvoe's class over the course of the fall session. Each session, Stagebridge hires professional actors and directors to perform a staged reading of student-written plays. Enjoy the work of our playwrights brought to life by a talented cast. This free show takes place at the Flight Deck, at 1540 Broadway in downtown Oakland. [CLICK HERE to reserve your free tickets today!](#)



photo courtesy Tellabration

## 23rd Annual TELLABRATION

**Saturday, November  
12 2:00-5:00pm  
Antioch Public  
Library  
501 W. 18th St.  
Antioch, CA**

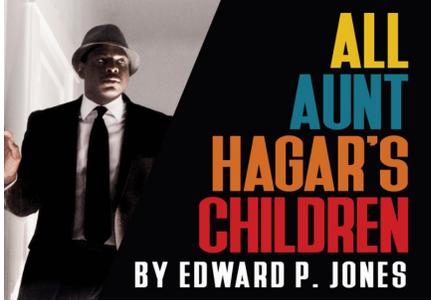
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Storytelling Association of California and National Storytelling Network, the 23rd annual Tellabration features emcee Laurie Pines and storytellers Lawrence Crason, Linda Moore, Bertha Reilly, and Ruth Stotter. Tickets are \$12 general admission. For tickets or more information, call 925-757-7919.

## HELP MIMI!

**ATTENTION CAT  
LOVERS!**

This is Mimi. She belongs to



Stagebridge Acting instructor Jeri Lynn Cohen's company, Word for Word, presents **All Aunt Hagar's Children** by Edward P. Jones. Directed by Stephanie Hunt with Assistant Director Margo Hall,

*this Nior tale spotlights a young Korean War vet who sets out to solve a murder and becomes entangled in a web of family history...*

This engaging show runs November 16-December 11 at Z Space, 450 Florida St. in San Francisco.

[CLICK HERE for tickets and information](#), or call 866-811-4111.



Photo courtesy Dreaming Sabbath

Stagebridge Instructor **Bruce Bierman** performs in the interdisciplinary show Dreaming Sabbath, by Bandelion and the Oakland Acupuncture Project. This performance incorporates Dance, Music, Theater, and Acupuncture. During the hour long performance cycles, **audience will rest in zero-gravity reclining chairs and receive simple acupuncture treatments** from practitioners at the Oakland Acupuncture Project.

Shows take place on November 5



a friend of Executive Director José Rivera who is moving to Mexico in November and cannot take his cat. Since shelters do not generally take cats older than 10 years, he may need to put her to sleep - **unless he can find her a home.** Mimi is 13 and in perfect health, very active and an indoor cat. If you or someone you know can adopt her, send an email to

[director@stagebridge.org](mailto:director@stagebridge.org). Thank you in advance!

## Lots of ways to catch Stagebridgers in action!



Image of Miyoko Sakatani from Scheherazade's Last Tales by The Playwrights' Center of San Francisco

Stagebridger **Abe Bernstein** plays the role of Dustin Debrée in the San Leandro Players' musical mystery melodrama, "Trouble Bubbles at the Hot Springs."

With a cast of seventeen actors, **this classic melodrama takes you back to the haunted happenings of the old Hot Springs Hotel in 1898.** Cheer, boo, hiss, and throw things at the schemers, scalawags and scoundrels as you enjoy the mayhem, mystery and mischief of old San Leandro!

Performances are Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 2 pm through November 20, and Fridays at 8 pm, November 11 and November 18, in the intimate, 50-seat San Leandro Museum Auditorium at 320 West Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro, CA.

Information and tickets at [www.slplayers.org](http://www.slplayers.org) or 510-895-2573. General admission is \$20. Admission for seniors and those under 12 is \$15.

Stagebridger **Miyoko Sakatani** will be performing in "You Can't Take it With You," at the Contra Costa

and 6 at the Oakland Acupuncture Project, Grand Avenue Clinic, 3718 Grand Ave. Suite 1, in Oakland. Tickets are \$15-35 Sliding Scale. Shows have staggered start times between 7 and 8:20pm. **For more information and tickets, visit [www.dandeliondancetheater.org](http://www.dandeliondancetheater.org).**

## Ragged Wing Ensemble Presents: *The Winter's Tale* through Nov. 12



The Stagebridge community is invited to attend Ragged Wing Ensemble's current production of *The Winter's Tale* with a **special discount**.

Ragged Wing's production follows a mismatched band of survivors seeking to revive hope as they conjure Shakespeare's improbable love story. The cast comes from across the country and across the world, sharing Shakespeare's immortal words with new voices. *The Winter's Tale* is a story of jealousy, honor, magic, and redemption, with messages that are eerily reminiscent of contemporary political culture.

### Special events:

- Oct 29 matinee - Post show discussion with CalSakes' dramaturg Philippa Kelly
- Nov 6, 5pm show - Creative Community BBQ at The Flight Deck before the show 12-4pm

Civic Theater starting on November 11. This 1936 Pulitzer Prize winning hilarious play is a classic that is as timely as it is timeless. For more information or to buy tickets, [visit www.ccct.org](http://www.ccct.org).

Miyoko was also an ensemble cast member of *Scheherazade's Last Tales* by The Playwrights' Center of San Francisco, which has been nominated for the 2016 TBA Awards for Outstanding Production of an Anthology. One of the short plays in this show was written by Stagebridge Playwrighting student Lorraine Midanik.

Stagebridge Storytelling Director **Kirk Waller's son Elijah** will be featured in The Contra Costa School of Performing Arts production of Mary Zimmerman's *Metamorphoses*, directed by Dr. Reid Davis. Performances are Thursday, Nov. 3 and Friday, Nov. 4 at 7 pm and Saturday, Nov. 5 at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors. For information or tickets, visit [www.cocospa.org](http://www.cocospa.org).

*Stagebridge was founded in 1978 by Dr. Stuart Kandell.*

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For tickets, [CLICK HERE](#) and use the code "**stagebridge**" for a \$5 discount on any ticket level to any performance.