Support Stagebridge Storytellers in October!

Mark your calendars - there are a lot of storytelling events featuring Stagebridge tellers coming your way in October!

Every year, Tell it on Tuesday, a showcase featuring local storytellers at the Marsh Berkeley, dedicates their October event to Stagebridge. We are thrilled to present the following tellers on October 24:

- **Tom Pulsifer**, "Judgement in the Snows"
- **Claire Isaacs Wahrhaftig**, "Me and Danny Kaye"
- **Ellen Kaufman**, "Busted!"
- **Bill Zarchy**, "Sweet Home Shenyang"
- **Ben Tucker** (aka Brother Ben), "Baptism by Fire"
- Musical performance by **Levona**

Many of these stories have been developed, work-shopped, and presented in Stagebridge storytelling classes and in our E.P. I.C. Storytelling program, and this represents the culmination of months (and sometimes years) of fine-tuning! Many thanks to Stagebridge Storytelling Director Kirk Waller for organizing this event, as well as Storytelling Instructors Jeanne Haynes, Olga Loya, and Mary Gay Ducey for their expertise! We are also grateful to the TIOT Producers, Bridget Frederick and Rebecca Fisher; and the TIOT advisors, David Ford, Jeff Raz, Charlie Varon, Bruce Pachtman, and Kirk Waller.

For tickets or more information, visit the Tell it on Tuesday website at [http://www.tellitontuesday.org/](http://www.tellitontuesday.org/). Tickets are $8-15, sliding scale at the door only. The Marsh Berkeley is located at 2120 Allston Way in Berkeley. Musical performance begins at 7pm and stories start at 7:30.

Friends of Stagebridge Caravan of Stories presents: **Magical Tales of Witches, Wise Women, and Wonder** on Sunday, October 22, 2017, 3-5 pm at the Silk Road House, Berkeley, 1944 University Avenue. Laugh and shiver as you hear some of the wildest, weirdest wonder tales ever. A supernatural family storytelling event to celebrate our favorite autumn holiday with giants, witches, and dreams that really do come true.

Featuring Stagebridge storyteller **Ann Riley**, as well as performances by **Beatrice Bowles** and **Dana Sherry**.
Tales of Eloise Book Release: Friday October 13

Save the date to smile with Eloise! Join Stagebridger Eloise Aitken for a reading and book signing of Tales of Eloise: True Tales to Bring a Smile to Your Heart and an Honored Seat at the Banquet of Life on Friday, October 13 at 3:00pm on the Stagebridge, A Senior Theatre Company campus at First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501 Harrison St! Light refreshments will be provided. Bring cash to purchase Eloise's book and get it signed before you leave!

Join The Director's Studio with Bruce Bierman, Fridays 10am-12pm

What I've always wanted to do is... DIRECT!

Does the above statement describe you? Have you dreamed of getting an insider's view of how a piece of theater moves from the page to the stage? There's still time to join our Director's Studio Class! This unique course allows participants to direct a short piece of their choosing, as well as to act in another student's project.

The Director's Studio is taught by Bruce Bierman and meets on Fridays from 10am-12pm. For more information, or to register, visit us at www.stagebridge.org, give us a call at 510-444-4755 or email us at info@stagebridge.org. Or, come to Stagebridge HQ at the First Congregational Church at 2501 Harrison St in Oakland this Friday, October 6, and sit in on the class and see if it's for you.

Stagebridge on Stage in October!


"The Fantasticks," by Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones, is the world's longest running musical; it's original off-Broadway run lasted 42 years. It features such familiar songs as "Try To Remember," "Soon It's Gonna Rain,"
fact, if it wasn't for the FCCO's support of Stagebridge as tenants, we wouldn't exist. That's right - we simply would not be able to continue our programming.

If you want to show your support for the church and demonstrate that Stagebridgers are a vital part of their community, please stop by the FCCO bakesale fundraiser on Sunday, October 8 from 12-4pm, or drop a donation off with B. Avalon or Ronnie Casey (their offices are right outside of the Angel Room!). You can also mail a donation to the First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501 Harrison St. Oakland, CA 94612 Thank you all for your support of this community!

Join friends of Stagebridge the Medical Clown Project for their annual fundraiser!

Sunday, November 5 at 4:00pm at the Gerald Simon Theater at the Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, 375 Laguna Honda Blvd. in San Francisco

Grand Circus Rounds will be a unique afternoon of extraordinary acrobatic feats and clown performances from top circus performers, live music, and tasty treats! The audience will also experience a rare close-up view of therapeutic medical clowning: the practice our Medical Clowns use to work with patients, their families, and supporting medical teams on their 'rounds' at partnering health care facilities. Thanks to donor support, patients of Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center will see the performance in the afternoon.

What Will Your Contribution Do?

- Rounds
We work in ethnically and linguistically diverse communities to

The play will have 5 performances from Thursday, October 12 through Sunday, October 15 at the Piedmont Center for the Arts, 801 Magnolia Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611. Performances will be Thursday at 7:30 PM, Friday and Saturday at 8 PM, and Sunday at 2 PM, and 8 PM. For tickets or more information visit http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3065887.

Stagebridge Actors Natalie Fay, Ellen Jay (Sprecher), Suzanne Latham, Ann Martin, Barbara Szudy, Ken Woolfe, and Director Gary Green will be presenting "script in hand" performances of scenes from the Pulitzer prize-winning play, Crimes of the Heart, for family and friends at Atchison Village Hall on Saturday, October 14th (270 Curry Street, Richmond) and in the Guild Hall at Piedmont Community Church (400 Highland Ave. Piedmont) on Thursday, October 19th.

Both performances begin at 7:00. Admission is free. To reserve your seat, RSVP to suzlatham@sbcglobal.net

Participate in an Intergenerational Performance at Destiny Arts

Destiny Arts is working with renowned choreographer Risa Jaroslow to bring teens
improve patient centered care.
• Outreach
As diseases like Alzheimer's are on the rise, we need to grow.
• Education
Educating on the benefits Medical Clowning practice, what caretakers and medical staff can do.

For more information or to make a donation, visit:
http://medicalclownproject.org/grand-circus-rounds/

Stagebridge was founded in 1978 by Dr. Stuart Kandell.

Stagebridge Classifieds and General News!

Santa Wanted! Freeze Frame is looking for a few people to play the part of Santa this holiday season. You would wear the same costume as the Santa in the Thanksgiving Day Parade. This position begins on November 17, 2017 and pays $20/hour. For more information, contact victoria@freezeframe.com.

Readers Wanted! Gary Abrass is a retired medical oncologist from Reno, NV. Gary says: Over the recent years I've returned to my literary and musical roots. I've written a full length musical play about a family. It has 19 original songs (country, rock, blues, gospel, religious hymn, latin, jazz waltz, ballads, Eastern Indian etc). The play is completed copyrighted and the music with vocals is recorded. Gary is looking for someone with experience directing, writing, reviewing, or producing theater to review his original work and can offer some payment. For more information, contact gabrass@gmail.com.

General News: Stagebridge offices will be open on Indigenous People's Day, on Monday, November 9 and classes will be in session.

Parking Reminder: We have thorough parking guidelines posted to our website:
http://www.stagebridge.org/parking-at-stagebridge/ If you are driving, please remember to pick up a Fall 2017 Parking Permit from our office if you don't have one already! Please also note that parking is limited, so you might not find a spot in the church lot. There is two-hour street parking available close to Stagebridge. Remember, we do share the parking lot with other organizations - please do
not park on the Westlake side (any spot that DOES NOT face the church) or in any spot with a sign for the Counseling Center. Spots labeled "church and center" are fine.

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