Eight Time Oscar Winning Hollywood Designer Lives Again!

The Invisible Theatre presents
LA Stage Alliance Nominated and New Times Phoenix Best Actress
Susan Claassen

in

A CONVERSATION WITH EDITH HEAD

by
Paddy Calistro and Susan Claassen
with
Host, Stuart Moulton

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Susan Claassen stars in her internationally acclaimed portrayal of legendary costume designer, Edith Head. Hollywood’s golden age comes to life in an evening of wit, wisdom, and a whisper of gossip! A CONVERSATION WITH EDITH HEAD based on EDITH HEAD’S HOLLYWOOD by Edith Head and Paddy Calistro, is a feast of delicious behind-the-scenes stories about Hollywood’s greatest stars that provide an intimate portrait of Hollywood’s legendary costume designer. In her six decades of costume design, Edith Head worked on over eleven hundred films; dressed the greatest stars of Hollywood; received 35 Academy Award® nominations, and won an unprecedented eight Oscars®. Edith Head’s story is as fascinating as the history of the film industry itself, filled with humor, frustration and, above all, glamour. This diva of design helped to define glamour in the most glamorous place in the world - Hollywood!

“Edith Head comes to life in a way that’s so perfectly accurate….”
- The New York Times
FACTS ABOUT A CONVERSATION WITH EDITH HEAD

WHERE:
The Invisible Theatre 1400 N. First Avenue (at Drachman)
Tucson, AZ 85719

WHEN:
Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:30 pm
Friday, February 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, February 12, 2015 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, February 12, 2015 at 3:00 pm

TICKETS:
Ticket Price: $30
Call (520) 882-9721 for reservations and information
To purchase tickets on-line, go to OvationTix at www.invisibletheatre.com
Discounts are available for groups of ten or more

RUSH TICKETS:
One half-hour prior to curtain for any scheduled performance, tickets are available for half price, subject to availability.

CAST:
Susan Claassen as Edith Head

PRODUCTION STAFF:
HOST: Stuart Moulton
VOICE AND MOVEMENT DIRECTOR: Dianne J. Winslow
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: James Blair
SET DESIGN: Susan Claassen and James Blair
LIGHT DESIGN: James Blair
COSTUME DESIGN: Maryann Trombino and Chris Brewer
WIG DESIGN: Renate Leuschner
GRAPHIC & PROGRAM DESIGN: Karen Scott & Christine Simpson, Great Scott Design, Inc

RUNNING TIME:
90 minutes with no intermission

A CONVERSATION WITH EDITH HEAD is presented in association with the Motion Picture and Television Fund. The prop Oscars® and photographic images and sketches are courtesy of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Margaret Herrick Library.

It premiered at the Invisible Theatre in Tucson, Arizona and has played coast to coast with more than 300 performances. The production has toured internationally to Tbilisi in the Republic of Georgia; a “Sold Out” engagement at the 2007 Edinburgh Festival Fringe (out of the 2,000 shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe only 200 were officially designated “Sold Out” engagements) and an acclaimed five-week run at the Leicester Square Theatre in London’s West End.

A CONVERSATION WITH EDITH HEAD
www.edithhead.biz.
ABOUT THE PEOPLE

Susan Claassen is celebrating her 40th anniversary with Invisible Theatre. As Managing Artistic Director, she has produced over 390 productions and directed over 90 including THE LETTERS. Suz was nominated for the 2011 LA Stage Alliance Ovation Award and BroadwayWorld LA Award as Best Actress for her portrayal of Edith Head in A CONVERSATION WITH EDITH HEAD (www.edithhead.biz). She was most recently seen as Olive in IT’s OLIVE AND THE BITTER HERBS for which she won the 2014 MAC Award for Best Actress in a comedy. Suz was selected as one of Arizona’s “48 Most Intriguing Women”, is a member of the League of Professional Theatre Women and has been a clown in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade since 2001. She has been a proud member of Actors’ Equity Association since 1969 and dedicates her work to the living memory of her beloved mother, Goldie.

Edith Head (1897-1981) was undoubtedly Hollywood’s most famous costume designer, or “magician,” as she liked to call herself. Her career spanned fifty eight years of movie making. In those years she dressed almost every major star who shone in the industry and, with her straight-cut bangs, dark glasses and tailored suits as her trademarks, became more famous than most of them.

Edith Head died in 1981 of a progressive and rare blood disease, myeloid metaplasia, two weeks after completing work on her last film, Dead Men Don’t Wear Plaid. She left her estate to the Motion Picture and Television Fund and to other charitable organizations aiding Native American children and her beloved animals. Her funeral was attended by hundreds, including not only Hollywood’s stars, but also her devoted colleagues who worked with her behind the scenes.

A Paramount security guard dressed in a uniform designed by Edith Head mused, “I remember her real well. At Christmas she took care of everyone on the lot. She was the greatest designer in the world. Edith Head was quite a girl.” And that she was.

“There’s nothing like a row of Oscars® for putting the fear of God into an actress who thinks she knows everything about dress designing………”

THE HEIRESS, 1949
SAMSON AND DELILAH, 1950
ALL ABOUT EVE, 1950
A PLACE IN THE SUN, 1951
ROMAN HOLIDAY, 1953
SABRINA, 1954
THE FACTS OF LIFE, 1960
THE STING, 1973
JUST IN TIME FOR THE OSCARS!

The Invisible Theatre’s Fabulous Fashion Friday Fundraiser!

The Edith “HEAD TO TOE” Gala Dinner
with Glamorous Styles by Robert Black!

February 20, 2015
Skyline Country Club
5:45 PM

Step into the glamorous world of Hollywood with the Diva of Design Edith Head and the divine Robert Black. The evening begins with an hors d’oeuvres reception, Red Carpet photos, followed by a sumptuous dinner, costume contest, swank entertainment and an Oscar-inspired fashion show!

Individual Tickets
$150 ($60 Tax-Deductible Contribution)

Premiere “Hollywood Star” Tables of 10
$2,500
(VIP Seating and $1,800 Tax-Deductible Contribution)

Seating for the event is very limited!

WHERE:
Skyline Country Club
5200 East St. Andrews Drive
Tucson, AZ 85718

WHEN:
Friday, February 20, 2015 at 5:45 pm

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