

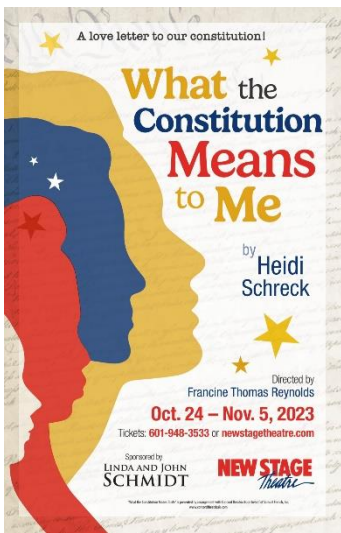
NEW STAGE *Theatre*

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New Stage Theatre Presents *What The Constitution Means to Me* by Heidi Schreck October 24 – November 5



JACKSON—New Stage Theatre presents *What The Constitution Means to Me* by Heidi Schreck October 24 – November 5, 2023. Curtain times and dates for performances are Tuesdays through Sundays at 7:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Ticket prices are \$35.00 with discounts available for students, senior citizens, military, and groups. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, charged by phone by calling the theatre at (601) 948-3533, or ordered online at www.newstagetheatre.com. This production is sponsored by Linda and John Schmidt. Security provided and patrols during performances. *Recommended for ages 14+ for mature themes and adult language.*

“Uproariously funny, wrenchingly moving, critically challenging, and politically inspiring.” - The New York Review of Books

Fifteen-year-old Heidi earned her college tuition by winning Constitutional debate competitions held across the United States. In this hilarious, hopeful, and achingly human play, author Heidi Schreck resurrects her teenage self to trace the profound relationship between four generations of women and the founding document that shaped their lives. This

powerful play is a love letter to our constitution, giving it new life and imagining how it will shape the next generations of Americans. *What The Constitution Means to Me* will be presented in the Hewes Room with general admission seating. *Content Warning: Topics include discriminatory language and discussion of race, age, gender, ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, abortion, physical and emotional abuse, and mental illness.*

New Stage Theatre Artistic Director Francine Reynolds said, “Since its premiere in 2019, this Pulitzer Prize finalist has taken the theatrical world by storm, breathing new life into our Constitution by imagining how it will shape the next generation of Americans. In her play, Heidi Schreck personalizes our nation’s founding document and uses humor to explore the timely subject matter. By staging the production in our smaller Hewes Room Theatre, I believe through the telling by two different great casts, *What The Constitution Means to Me* will leave audiences more connected to each other. I am looking forward to the discourse and debate the performance may spark as we contemplate the state of our democracy.”

The alternating casts includes: Jenn Harris as Heidi (Brandon); John Howell as Mike (Jackson); Morgan McKay as Debater (California); Marci Duncan as Heidi (Mobile, ALA); Evan McCarley as Mike (Jackson); and Rhen Tanaka as Debater (Jackson, St. Andrew’s High School Student).

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Discount Nights

PAY WHAT YOU CAN NIGHT: Patrons can come to the box office beginning at 6:00 on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. If tickets are available they can be purchased at any value with cash, check, or credit card (\$5 minimum is required if using a credit card). This offer is only valid for the September 13 performance.

STUDENT RUSH DISCOUNT: One hour prior to curtain for any performance, students with a current academic ID may purchase an available seat for \$10. Limit one ticket per ID.

YOUTH NIGHTS: Youth 18 and under can reserve \$15 tickets for the performances on Friday, October 27, 2023. This discount is only available by calling the box office and mentioning “youth night” for the discount.

Schedule & Ticket Information

Where:

1100 Carlisle Street, Jackson MS 39202

Dates:

Open: October 24, 2023; Close: November 5, 2023

Performance Times:

Tuesday thru Sunday: 7:00 pm;

Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays: 2:00 pm

Tickets:

\$35; seniors/students/military \$30

Box Office:

Telephone: 601-948-3533

Online: www.newstagetheatre.com

Email: tickets@newstagetheatre.com

Hours: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Hours During Show:

Tuesday thru Friday: 10 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday: 1 pm – 7:00 pm; Sunday: 1 pm - 7 pm

Tickets Online:

Tickets may be purchased 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.newstagetheatre.com (*a per-ticket service fee of \$3 applies to all online purchases*)

Production Information

Director

Francine Thomas Reynolds

Production Stage Manager

Mattea Pierce

Assistant Director

Vern Allen

Scenic Designer/Tech Dir

Richard Lawrence

Costume Designer

Caleb Blackwell

Lighting Designer

Matthew McMurtry

Sound Designer

Alberto Meza

Properties Designer

Jenna Kahley

Assistant Technical Director

Antonio Juarez

Assistant Costumer

Nina Frost

Production Assistant

Darby Frost

Carpenter

Dave Ellis

Cast A

Heidi

Jenn Harris

Mike

John Howell

Debater

Morgan McKay

Cast B

Heidi

Marci Duncan

Mike

Evan McCarley

Debater

Rhen Tanaka