



## Welcome!

Hello writers, actors and lovers of all things thespian! The Old Pueblo Playwrights' newsletter brings you news and inspiration from our friendly group of scribes and notable theatrical tidbits from around Tucson.



## GOT A STORY TO TELL?

### **ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT SCRIBES!**

Applications for the 2026 Tucson Fringe Festival close on Monday September 1, 2025. Our newbie, Devyn Krevat, is urging OPP playwrights to apply for a full 45-60 minute show slot in the festival, or applying to the Fleeting Fringe Short Performance Showcase with a 10-

15 minute show. Devyn says: "Members of OPP might want to consider forming their own showcase of 10-15 minute plays and apply together. I bet a group of 3-4 playwrights could make a pretty fun fringe show." The festival itself takes place mid-January, and you can get all the information by clicking [HERE](#). C'mon guys, get involved!



Our very own Chad Eggen is producing and starring in Santa Cruz Shoestring's Production of "Unnecessary Farce" set to open at the end of October. This comedy undercover cop farce directed by Ron Heiss promises to be a hoot. Only SEVEN performances mind between 10/30 and 11/9. Tickets available [HERE](#). Good luck, Chad!

Fantastic news that Leslie Powell's play "Crossroads" has been selected and will be produced by AmaZing Theatre as part of their festival Nov 8th & 9th 2025 in Sandy Spring, Maryland. The theme for the festival was 'change.'

"Crossroads" was part of the Old Pueblo Playwrights New Play Festival in February 2025. Directed by Esther Almazan and performed by Sydney Flynn, Scott Berg, Meagan Jones, and Eric Everts.

Leslie spent much of her adult life living in Newburyport, Massachusetts, and her love of playwriting began at the Firehouse Center for the Arts where she was able to get her plays

read and produced. Later at The Actors Studio of Newburyport, with the help of Marc Clopton the artist director, Leslie started a group with another theatre-maker named Hailey Klein: *Writers & Actors, Ink.* was born and it thrived. During this time Leslie would come to Tucson in the winter and attend OPP. She stole (her words!) the idea of Play-in-a-Day and Newburyport became the home of "Random Acts" which plays to sold out houses. As Leslie says: "The Firehouse Center was heaven for playwrights, actors & directors."



Meet The Cast

Gretchen Wirges

Lucas Gonzales

Hannah Turner

Myani Watson

INVISIBLE theatre

Opening September 7th

The Cake

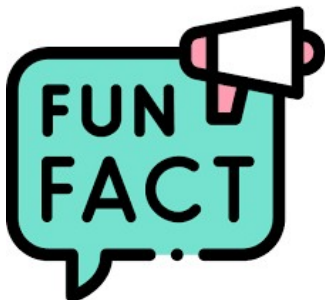
by Bekah Brunstetter

Directed by Betsy Kruse Craig

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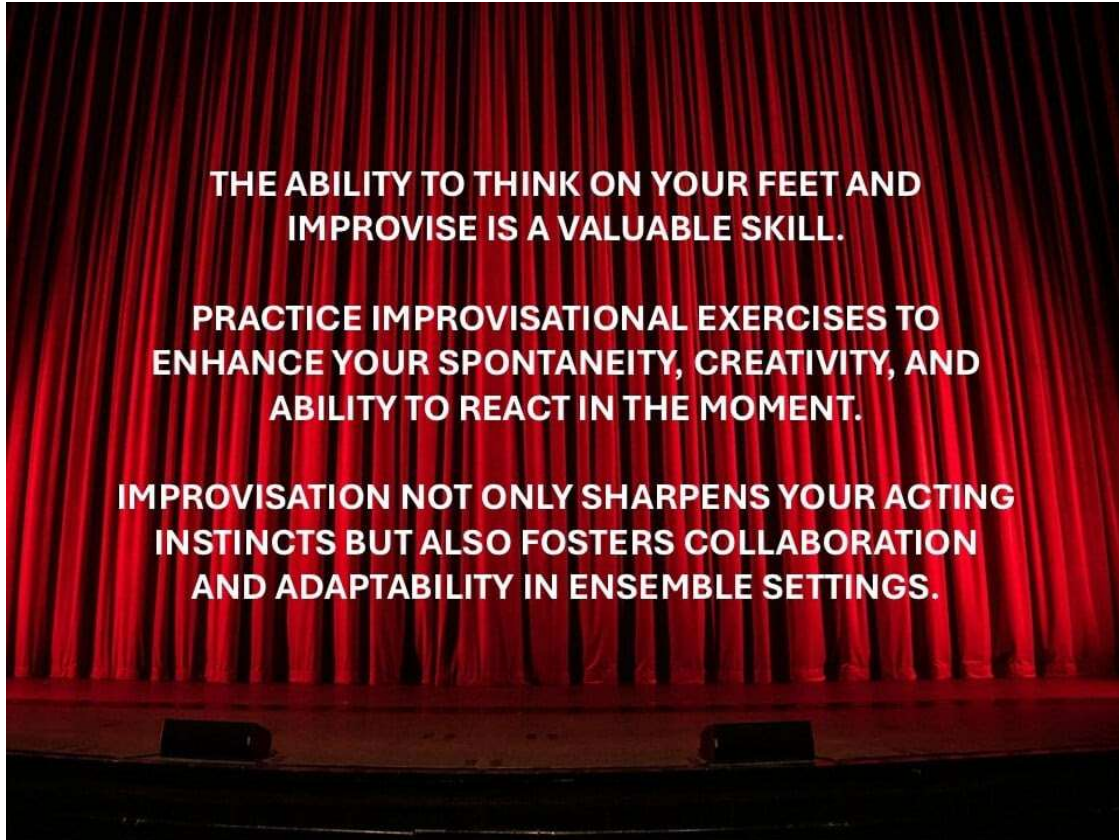
The Invisible Theatre kicks off its 54th season with Bekah Brunstetter's, *The Cake*, a comedy about a conservative Southern baker who can't bring herself to bake a cake for a same sex wedding. It opens Sept 7 thru Sept 21, stars Gretchen Wirges, Hannah Turner, Myani Watson and Lucas Gonzalez and is directed by Betsy Kruse Craig. Tickets available [HERE](#).



The National Theatre is one of the most prolific theatre companies in the UK, boasting recent cast members such as Ralph Fiennes. Their costume and props department stores



between 80,000 and 85,000 costumes from various productions worn on its coveted stage, all of which are available for hire by the public.



**Got a playwriting tip or experience to share?**

Send your playwriting experiences or any hard-earned advice to the [editor](#) for inclusion in the OPP newsletter.



**Anyone can watch our Monday readings.**

Just click on this [ZOOM](#) link and enjoy the show!

**Next Up:**

8/25 *Boredom is Hell* David Rochon & *Rose to the Occasion* Mel Hector

9/1 *Handel's Palace* Adrian Cory 9/8 *Chemo Lounge* John Vornholt



Joe L. Smith

Trained at the prestigious American Academy of Dramatic Arts in NYC. 30+ years



David Zinke

ZINK is an actor with "gobs" of stage time. His career spans over six decades. He is

## OPP Actor Pool

Get your personal profile up on the [OPP website](#) and get noticed. A photo and a bit of background helps our playwrights enormously when it comes to selecting a crew to read.



## Save the Dates!

We're back at the Temple of Music & Art for our 37th New Play Festival.

From March 3rd to 8th, OPP will be showcasing its annual collection of carefully curated readings. The record turnout for our 2025 plays proved how this popular event is going from strength to strength. Stay tuned folks!

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