

# AMERICAN STAGE THEATRE COMPANY

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## American Stage Theatre Company's Upcoming "After Hours" Events for February 2012

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – American Stage Theatre Company's "After Hours" Events including the **Sunday Comedy Series** and **The Hot off the Press Play Readings**, continue to build momentum with seven productions in February. Further expanding comedic offerings, American Stage presents five **Comedy Series** Improv productions with **Hawke and Wayne's THE MEMORY...SUPERBOWL EDITION, ONE MAN CHO, UGLY STEP CHILDREN, WIT IMPROV, and the second round of FORBIDDEN TAMPA BAY.**

**THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES** returns for the Cabaret Drama Series, and **SLOW BURN** is the Hot off the Press Play Reading for February.

## **AFTER HOURS EVENTS IN FEBRUARY**

### **SUNDAY COMEDY SERIES:**

**Hawke and Wayne's "The Memory...SUPERBOWL EDITION!"**  
*Improv that Makes You Laugh with a Touchdown Thrown in It*  
**Sunday, February 5 @ 8pm**

Back for their third year after successful runs of their original long form shows, *The Dumb Show* and *321*, Hawk and Wayne present *The Memory*. This new long form of improvisation is based on the audience's suggestion of a certain memory or event in their life that comes right off the top of their heads. With the audience suggestion, Ricky and Gavin tell a story of their own, weaving in some personal details, and then create a short one act play. You never know what to expect! Surprising, daring and totally original, *The Memory* fits timeless experiences into a piece of improvised theatre that will make you laugh and wonder "How did they do that?"

Tickets: "**Pay-What-You-Can**" (Suggested donation \$10-\$20) or \$15.00 advance purchase VIP seating. Performed in our lobby cabaret, where of course, there will be full cash bar service for all our patrons.

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### **SUNDAY COMEDY SERIES:**

#### **One Man Cho**

*One Man, One Guitar and Lots of Laughs*

**Sunday, February 12 @ 8pm**

A One Man Song Parody Comedy Extravaganza! Jonathan Cho is going to bring his guitar to American Stage and play some of the songs he has written. In the style of the music comedy of Zack Galifianakis, Andy Samberg and Bo Burnham, Tampa Bay actor, songwriter, and all around funny man, Jonathan Cho, brings his unique brand of acoustic comedy to our Sunday Comedy Series. Jonathan has a knack for taking the pop and alternative songs you love (or hate) to hear and turn them on their ear using a style all his own. Peppered with some original songs about pop culture, politics and maybe what it's like to be human, come and see what Jonathan Cho has in store for you. Some of these songs are funny, some of these songs are risqué; but chances are, it will be music.....and a whole lot of laughs.

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### **CABARET DRAMA SERIES:**

#### **The Vagina Monologues**

**By Eve Ensler**

*A Smash Hit Returns with New Cast Members this Month*

**Sunday, February 19 @ 6pm**

Obie Award-winner Eve Ensler's whirlwind tour of a forbidden zone: *The Vagina Monologues* introduces a wildly divergent gathering of female voices, including a six-year-old girl, a septuagenarian New Yorker, a vagina workshop participant, a woman who witnesses the birth of her granddaughter, and a feminist happy to have found a man who "liked to look at it."

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### **SUNDAY COMEDY SERIES:**

#### **Ugly Step Children**

*These Kids Will Make You Laugh and Say, "OMG"*

**Sunday, February 19 @ 8pm**

These kids were born out of friendship and boredom; the two indicators of all things great. They experienced some short-lived comedy fame with the local Tampa comedy troupe, On The Brink. Some of the members went to the University of Florida and wanted to keep the magic going; so they formed the alternative troupe to UF's Theatre Strike Force and the magic exploded. This show can involve short-form improv, long-form improv and/or sketch comedy. Ugly Step Children just do it for the LOLZ.

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**COMEDY SERIES:**

**Forbidden Tampa Bay**

*One Full Hour of Sketch Comedy Is Back with Round Two!*

**Friday, February 24 @ 11pm**

**Saturday, February 25 @ 11pm**

**Sunday, February 26 @ 6pm**

The Bay Area's most irreverent new comedy tradition is here, and it's all about the weird things we love and hate about living in Tampa Bay! Florida makes national news weekly, and has some of the oddest people, places, and events in the country. A satirical and irreverent look at the "Second Chance State," *Forbidden Tampa Bay* lampoons the news of the day with sketches, songs, and a generous helping of tongue-in-cheek.

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**SUNDAY COMEDY SERIES:**

**WIT Improv**

*The Most Outrageous Improvised Comedy Troupe in Tampa Bay presents:  
"Whose Idea was That anyway?"*

**Sunday, February 26 @ 8pm**

This 2007 "Best of the Bay" finalist has been making people laugh with 100% improvised comedy since January of 2005. Founding members Billy Martinez, Vinnie Natale, and Scott Swenson continue to perform with the group and bring down the house. Alex Crow, Jill Revelle, Eric Hughes and Seth Keith are the most recent additions to the WIT Improv family. This messed up mix of seven share experiences from many different styles of theater, music and comedy to create unique and outlandish performances. WIT Improv shows are always unpredictable and entertaining.

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**HOT OFF THE PRESS SERIES: PLAY READINGS**

**Slow Burn**

**by Kim Hanna**

*A Past Full of Blame Leaves Only a Future Filled with Redemption*

**Tuesday, February 28 @ 7pm**

Jett has established a successful career in Philadelphia, a short drive and a lifetime away from her hometown of Centralia– where a mine fire has been burning underground for decades. With news of a relocation offer from the government, Jett returns to Centralia to convince her mother to leave but her mother has something else in mind. Deceased for a year, her husband Finn left journals describing a long-term affair with his daughter Jett. Following a painful journey through his journals, both are able to place the blame for the past and redemption for the future where they rightfully belong.

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Please call the **American Stage Box Office** at **(727) 823-PLAY (7529)**

or go to **[www.americanstage.org](http://www.americanstage.org)** for more information and to purchase tickets.

American Stage Theatre Company is located at the Raymond James Theatre,  
163 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North in the heart of downtown St. Petersburg, Florida.

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