

Falcon Theatre

presents

Stephanie Zimbalist as Katharine Hepburn in

Tea at Five

Written by Matthew Lombardo

Directed by Jenny Sullivan

Previews begin October 13 for the 5-Week Engagement

OPENS Friday, October 22 at 8PM

September 9, 2010 Burbank, CA – The Falcon Theatre presents the hit one-woman show *TEA AT FIVE*, written by Matthew Lombardo and directed by Jenny Sullivan, the second production in its 2010-2011 Subscription Season. This gracefully funny and heartwarming tale stars Stephanie Zimbalist (*Remington Steele*) as legendary actress Katharine Hepburn.

An uncontested icon of live theater and cinematic art, Katharine Hepburn transformed herself from the key actress of a generation into thespian royalty. *TEA AT FIVE* opens in 1938, when the 31-year-old Hepburn is five years beyond her first Oscar-winning performance, and after being branded "box office poison," she anxiously awaits to hear if she will play 'Scarlett O'Hara' in *Gone With The Wind*. Progressing though time, the story moves to 1983, when Kate's melodic voice is shaky and she clutches at her cane for support after the ravages of Parkinson's disease, yet the same grace, style and poise is still evident in her every elegant word and coy smile. Now, join Kate as she beckons us into her Connecticut home for a cozy chat and an intimate look at the Hollywood legend, and the woman based behind the legend.

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PREVIEWS: Oct. 13-16 at 8pm; Oct. 17 at 4pm; Oct. 20 & 21 at 8pm

OPENING NIGHT: Friday, Oct. 22, 2010 at 8pm SHOW CLOSES: Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010 at 4pm

PERFORMANCES Wed.-Sat. at 8pm, Sundays at 4pm

PRICES **Previews** \$29.50 - \$32.00

 Opening Night
 \$52.00 - \$57.00

 Weekdays (Wed/Thurs)
 \$34.50 - \$37.00

 Weekends (Fri/Sat/Sun)
 \$39.50 - \$42.00

Student Rate (valid student ID) \$27.00

Tickets on Sale September 15, 2010

For tickets visit www.FalconTheatre.com
or call the FALCON THEATRE BOX OFFICE at (818) 955-8101
Group rates available on selected week nights.

To arrange PRESS SEATS, schedule interviews or request additional editorial information or photos, please contact Chelsea Sutton at (818) 955-8004 ext. 133.

<u>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE</u>: Falcon Theatre presents Stephanie Zimbalist as Katharine Hepburn in *Tea at Five* **Press Contact:** Chelsea Sutton, 818.955.8004 ext. 133, chelsea@falcontheatre.com

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Jenny Sullivan (Director) Tea at Five marks Jenny's 12th collaboration with Stephanie Zimbalist. Rubicon Theatre: Doubt, Trying, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (Indie Award), Spit Like A Big Girl, You Can't Take It With You, Hamlet (Indie Award), One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Tuesdays with Morrie, Defying Gravity, Happy Days, Art, Dancing at Lughnasa (Indie Award), The Rainmaker, Little Foxes, Love Letters, and Old Wicked Songs. Currently, Jenny is directing all the women in the Geffen Playhouse production of Nora and Delia Ephron's Love, Loss and What I Wore. Manitoba Theatre Centre: The Dresser. Ensemble Theatre of Santa Barbara: Tea At Five, The Clean House (Indie Award), Dublin Carol, and The Memory of Water. Falcon Theatre: The Memoirs of Abraham Lincoln. Jenny was Associate Director for the Los Angeles production of The Vagina Monologues also directed the premiere of Vince McKewin's AdWars. Her world premiere of Jane Anderson's The Baby Dance began at the Pasadena Playhouse and then moved to Williamstown Theatre Festival, Long Wharf Theatre (CT Critics' Directing Award) and the Lucille Lortel Theatre Off-Broadway. Film credits: Access All Areas and The Next Best Thing.

Stephanie Zimbalist (Katharine Hepburn) Collaborations with Jenny Sullivan: Tea at Five, The Memory of Water, A Close Encounter, Denial, AdWars, The Baby Dance, You Can't Take It With You, Hamlet, Dancing at Lughnasa, The Rainmaker and Love Letters. Others at the Rubicon: The Spin Cycle and The Night of the Iguana. Other stage credits: The Price, A Little Night Music, Vincent in Brixton, Follies, Romantique, The Cherry Orchard, Accomplice, Side Man, Far East, Wonderful Town, Mr. Bundy, Sylvia, The Crimson Thread, The Philadelphia Story, The Threepenny Opera, Love Letters, Carousel, My One and Only, Barbarians, Summer and Smoke and The Tempest. Theatre credits: South Coast Repertory, Pasadena Playhouse, the Odyssey Theatre Ensemble, OCPAC, the Canon Theatre, The Cleveland Playhouse, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Manitoba Theatre Centre, the Ensemble Theatre of Santa Barbara, American Repertory Theater, the Guthrie Lab, Theater 150, The Coronet, The Tiffany Theater, Williamstown Theatre Festival, Lucille Lortel and the Mark Taper Forum. Film credits: The Prophet's Game, The Awakening and The Magic of Lassie. Television credits: over 30 movies, including The Gathering, Centennial, The Golden Moment, The Babysitter, The Story Lady, Caroline?, Incident in a Small Town, and Stop the World – I Want To Get Off; and 94 episodes as 'Laura Holt' in the NBC/MTM series Remington Steele.

The Falcon Theatre is a 130-seat performing arts space located in the Burbank, California media district. Built by Director/Writer/Producer Garry Marshall and his daughter Kathleen Marshall, the Falcon offers a 5-play subscription series from August through April, in addition to annual summer productions. The Falcon Theatre is located at 4252 Riverside Drive in Burbank, California.

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