

## Falcon Theatre presents Impro Theatre's

## Twilight Zone Unscripted

By Impro Theatre
Directed by Jo McGinley and Stephen Kearin

Preview August 28, 2013

## **OPENS Friday, September 6 at 8pm**

July 16, 2013 Burbank, CA – Falcon Theatre is proud to present Impro Theatre's *Twilight Zone Unscripted*, codirected by Jo McGinley and Stephen Kearin, the first production of the Falcon Theatre's 2013-2014 Subscription Season. *Los Angeles Times Magazine* calls Impro Theatre "Amazing! One of the funniest evenings in town...The troupe spins an entire play into comedy gold right before your eyes." Impro Theatre's critically acclaimed, awardwinning ensemble of improvisers travel through a dimension of pure imagination as they create completely new, completely unscripted, and completely hilarious episodes at each performance.

From the darkest corners of reality to the realm of the unexplained, Impro Theatre's *Twilight Zone Unscripted* pays homage to Rod Serling's iconic sci-fi series *The Twilight Zone*, as the cast creates completely improvised episodes in the style of the classic TV show on the spot, right before the audience's eyes. The performers have absolutely no idea what will occur, and no two episodes are ever the same. Once they receive the suggestion, the lights will go out, the theme music will begin, and they, like you, will enter an unexplored domain- a dimension known only as...*The Twilight Zone... Unscripted*.

August 28 – 31 at 8pm; September 1 at 4pm;

September 4 & 5 at 8pm

OPENING NIGHT: Friday, September 6, 2013 at 8pm
SHOW CLOSES: Sunday, September 29, 2013 at 4pm
PERFORMANCES: Wed. – Sat. at 8pm, Sun. 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

WHERE: Falcon Theatre, 4252 Riverside Dr., Burbank, CA 91505

TICKETS: (818) 955-8101 or FalconTheatre.com

TICKETS ON SALE: July 31, 2013

PREVIEWS:

To arrange PRESS SEATS, schedule interviews or request additional editorial information or photos, please contact Chelsea Sutton at chelsea@falcontheatre.com.

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Impro Theatre creates completely improvised, full-length plays in the styles of the world's greatest playwrights and authors. With absolutely no pre-planning or prepared scenarios, the performers combine verbal dexterity and robust physicality to bring character and plot to life in an instant, making each Impro Theatre show utterly unique and unlike any other theatrical experience. At each performance, an entirely new show is brought into existence- never before seen, and never to be seen again. Impro Theatre has been widely critically acclaimed and has received many awards, including being named one of L.A.Weekly's "Top 10 Theatre Companies," a 4-star rating from Los Angeles Times readers, the "Roar of the Crowd" award from Goldstar.com, numerous StageSceneLA awards, numerous "Pick of the Week" reviews from LA Weekly, and numerous "Critics Choice" reviews from the Los Angeles Times. They have played to wildly enthusiastic, sold-out crowds at many prestigious venues including the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, the Broad Stage in Santa Monica, the Carrie Hamilton Theatre at the Pasadena Playhouse, the Athenaeum Theatre in Chicago, North Coast Repertory in San Diego, The Throckmorton Theatre in Mill Valley, The Bayfront Theatre in San Francisco, The Melbourne Fringe in Australia and Theatre Adyar in Paris. Improtheatre.com

**Jo McGinley (Co-Director)** has been directing unscripted theatre since 1996. Passionate about a playwright, writer or film style, diving into their world, and having the great fortune of working with the most talented improvisers/actors around is what keeps Jo inspired about live theater. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Season of *Twilight Zone Unscripted*, having recently been at the Pasadena Playhouse (Carrie Hamilton Theatre) and The Odyssey Theatre in West Los Angeles. Other unscripted genres that Jo has directed in San Francisco and Los Angeles, are Mid-Century American Drama (Inge & Williams), Passion Noir, Soap Opera, Romantic Comedy, Buddy Cop, John Hughes, American Biography, Quirky English Comedy, ABC Afterschool Special, and more. Jo directed Dorothy Parker's *Laments of the Living* up in San Francisco, and is currently collaborating with Impro Theatre Company Member Paul Rogan on *Dorothy Parker Unscripted*.

**Stephen Kearin (Co-Director)** is a proud company member of Impro Theatre. In addition to his work on *Twilight Zone Unscripted*, he has recently co-directed the genre of *Western* for Impro with Artistic Director Dan O'Connor. Other directing credits include *Tofu Exposed* with renowned theatre company Cold Tofu. Stephen also directed Kirk Ward in the critically-acclaimed *3 Stories Tall* that premiered at Luis Valdez's El Teatro Campesino before beginning a successful run in Los Angeles. He went on to direct Ward in *Fatherland* at The HBO Aspen Comedy Festival.

**The Falcon Theatre** is a 130-seat professional theatre that operates year-round in Burbank, California, built by Director/Writer/Producer Garry Marshall and his daughter Kathleen Marshall LaGambina. The Falcon opened in November of 1997 and launched its annual 5-play Subscription Series in 2002, currently produced by Kathleen and Sherry Greczmiel. Mr. Marshall founded the Falcon as a place where established artists and emerging talent can come together to create exciting work on stage.