

BAG&BAGGAGE PRODUCTIONS

2023 Year End Report

MAIN STAGE

March 2 - 26, 2023

I F*ING HATE SHAKESPEARE**

by **Gina Femia**

Directed by Ephriam Harnsberger

- Workshop production of new script.
- Hosted playwright from NYC for opening weekend

March 4 - 25, 2023 (CLOSED EARLY DUE TO COVID)

APPLES IN WINTER by **Jennifer Fawcett**

Directed by Scott Palmer

July 21 - August 6, 2023

RED VELVET by **Lolita Chakrabarti**

Directed by Nik Whitcomb

- Pacific Northwest Premiere
- 9 Bag&Baggage Artist Debuts
- 2 sold out houses; 725 total attendees
- 3 Community Engagement Activities
 - Virtual Panel with Lolita Chakrabarti
 - Preshow Design/History Talk
 - Postshow Actor Talkback

September 15 - October 1, 2023

OUR UTOPIA by **Carlos-Zenen Trujillo**

Directed by Jackie Apodaca

- World Premiere by a Hillsboro playwright
- B&B Commission/Collaboration with Ashland New Plays Festival
- Sold out opening; 634 total attendees
- 2 Community Engagement Activities
 - Postshow Anthropology Conversation
 - Postshow Actor Talkback

December 1 - 17, 2023

WHO'S HOLIDAY! by **Matthew Lombardo**

Directed by Melory Mirashrafi

- Directed by Resident Artist & Hillsboro native
- Sold out preview performance
- Preshow History of Drag Panel

DOWNTOWN HILLSBORO'S HUB FOR ARTS & CULTURE



On April 7, 2023 the Washington County Chamber of Commerce hosted a special ribbon cutting event at the announcement of our 23/24 season. Though we are not new to this building and definitely not new to telling stories, this symbolic reopening was important to us and set us on a path of thrilling re-emergence and cultural activity right here in Historic Downtown Hillsboro. This document is just a snapshot of the work we have been able to do together in this calendar year! We hope you will join us in celebrating these exciting moments and we welcome you back in the new year for even more adventures and community gathering events!



In Community,

Nik Whitcomb
Producing Artistic Director
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In The Vault

Pop-up Event Series

February 11, 2023 - Punk Rock Prom!

May 9 - 30 - Intro to Improv with Mandy Khoshnevisan

June 10, 2023 - STAB IN THE DARK: Punk Rock Show

October 15, 2023 - The Wonderful Woman of OZ

October 21, 2023 - Lee Hardin presents Clean Comedy

October 27 - 29, 2023 - Beta Bitches (World Premiere)



GATHERING AT THE VAULT

Our space is a resource for the entire community of Hillsboro, Washington County, and beyond! Here are the diverse ways we have opened our doors:

- January 9, 2023 - Arts & Culture Community Gathering
- January 26, 2023 - Washington County Visitors Association Board Meeting
- March 11, 2023 - Mass Incarceration Panel with Partnership for Safety & Justice
- March 11, 2023 - Writing Workshop with Write Around Portland
- April 20, 2023 - Our Creative Future: Tri County Arts Plan Listening Session
- July 26, 2023 - WCCC Black Advisory Business Council Mixer
- August 10, 2023 - Centro Cultural Artist in Residence Open House with Dez Ramirez
- August 29, 2023 - Just Create Community: Meet Me for Coffee Event
- September 16, 2023 - Unite Oregon - United for Action Summit (Washington County Site)
- October 7, 2023 - Under the Stars: Oregon Chorale Musical Theatre Fundraiser
- October 21, 2023 - Dobbles Family Estate Member Wine Pop-Up Event
- November 4, 2023 - 350 Washington County Climate Action Film Screening Series
- November 14, 2023 - Washington County Arts Town Hall

AROUND THE TOWN WITH B&B

Acts of Service

Bag&Baggage is an important piece of the cultural fabric of Hillsboro and the Greater Portland Area. Here are just a few ways we have been of service to our community this year:

- Hosted Pacific University Theatre Administration Class
- Contributed to the Connect & Inspire: Arts & Culture Event hosted by the Washington County Visitors Association
- Participated in Hillsboro Juneteenth Festival
- Participated in the PlayWrites Inc 24hr Theatre Fundraiser
- Cooling and water station for the La Strada Chalk Art Festival (Special pop-up performance of *Red Velvet*)

Strategic Partnerships

Collaborating with local businesses and services is key to making sure that everyone has access to art and engages with our work in the most meaningful way:

- **Unite Oregon:** Sponsored by the City of Hillsboro, Unite Oregon receives 20 free tickets to each Bag&Baggage Production to distribute to their community.
- **Skywater Wines:** We have launched a special members only club which allows subscribers to get a sneak peek into B&B productions.
- **4th & Main Drag Brunch:** We have partnered with Hillsboro Bar & Grill and Noble Hop to present the iconic Poison Waters & Friends Holiday Drag Brunch!

Into the Future

We have two more exciting shows in our season and more events and partnerships to share with the community soon!