

Mystery Solved! The Phoenix Theatre Company Stages Socially-Distanced, Live Outdoor Musical

Murder for Two invites audiences on a thrilling theatrical adventure—imagination is required

(PHOENIX – January 25, 2020) Even during a time of social distancing, mask mandates and heightened public health measures, there are still ways to enjoy live entertainment in the Valley. The Phoenix Theatre Company opened its socially-distanced outdoor venue in November 2020 to keep the arts alive in Arizona. Now, it's premiering its fourth show of the season, a murder mystery packed with intrigue, comedy and heart—it's the perfect adventure for a fun night out of the house.

Murder for Two is an award-winning modern noir musical comedy. One actor investigates a crime, the other plays all of the suspects. Officer Marcus Moscovicz is a small town policeman who dreams of making detective. One fateful night, shots ring out and great American novelist Arthur Whitney is killed. With the nearest detective an hour away, Marcus jumps at the chance to prove his sleuthing skills. It's up to Marcus, and the audience, to answer the question: whodunit? The cast of two includes Phoenix Theatre Company audience favorites Seth Tucker as the detective and Toby Yatso as a host of suspects.

"The actors and the audience will have plenty of opportunities to use their imaginations—in a way that's only possible with live performance." Says Michelle Chin, director of The Phoenix Theatre Company's *Murder for Two*. "These incredibly talented artists are guiding you through a hilarious and fast-paced storyline that leaves you on the edge of your seat."

The staging maintains COVID-19 health and safety protocols. "We've had to completely reimagine how we tell this story so that we protect the safety of our artists while still conveying rapport and maintaining artistic integrity." Says Chin. "I think we've all had to make adjustments in our own lives. But at the end of the day, we still need characters to root for; we still love an underdog story and we all crave human connection. Live theatre gives us the escape we all desperately need."

The Phoenix Theatre Company's *Murder for Two* will be staged at the 101-year-old theatre company's new socially-distanced outdoor venue located in the gardens of the Central United Methodist Church, a half-block north the theatre's three-stage indoor campus. Staff and guests are required to wear masks and there is a temperature check upon arrival. Tickets are \$59. To learn more and buy tickets call 602-254-2151 or visit www.phoenixtheatre.com/murderfortwo.

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ABOUT THE PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY

The Phoenix Theatre Company is the largest professional regional theatre company in Arizona. As the first arts organization in Arizona and a founding member of the Central Arts District, The Phoenix Theatre Company is committed to advancing performing arts in the Valley with nearly 500 performances each year on multiple stages. Located at 1825 N. Central Ave in Phoenix, The Phoenix Theatre

Company's mission is to create exceptional experiences by using the arts to articulate messages that inspire hope and understanding.

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