



# IN THE HEART OF THE BEAST PUPPET AND MASK THEATRE

2018-2019 SEASON



HOBT'S 45TH YEAR CONNECTING NEIGHBORS TO CREATE AND BRING THEATER TO THE STREETS.

HOBT has been working toward a transformational plan to build a more resilient organization, to address the issues of owning an aging and distressed building, and to better serve its neighbors.

The plan centers on a rebranding of HOBT's Avalon Theater at the corner of 15th Avenue South and East Lake Street as a neighborhood art center. HOBT will continue to own and operate the building, and will continue to use it to present programming.

HOBT is excited to be envisioning this new chapter in the life of our organization and to announce our 2018-2019 season, which reflects this direction. Current plans for the coming year include:

## 45TH MAYDAY

Sandy Spieler will lead the 45th annual MayDay Parade, Ceremony and Festival scheduled for May 5, 2019.



### 20TH SEASON OF TADA!

Saturday Matinee series for families Oct. 6th - Dec. 15th, including performances in Spanish. Featuring performances from beloved local puppeteers: HOBT Resident Founder Sandy Spieler, Gustavo Boada, Daniel Polnau, and more.

### PUPPET CABARET

Steve Ackerman will lead quarterly Puppet Cabaret events featuring new work by local puppeteers. Catch the next performance on Oct 6th.

### PUPPET LAB

For the eighth year, Alison Heimstead will lead HOBT's artist incubator program an opportunity for four emerging artists in to experiment wildly within the field of puppetry and share their work with an audience. This year's Puppet Lab artists are: **Akiko, Tara Fahey, Kallie Melvin,** and **Andrew Young.** Catch their work March 15-17th and March 22-24th

### PHILLIPS PROJECT

Led by Bart Buch, HOBT's partnership with Little Earth of United Tribes, Waite House and Collaborative Village Initiative to provide year-round youth arts programming & community building with neighborhood youth is entering its eighth year! With a focus this year on "Speak Your Truth. Listen Deeply" we plan to partner with KRSM Radio For All to collect and share stories of the youth and their families.

### SCHOOL & COMMUNITY RESIDENCIES

HOBT is proud to offer artist residencies that engage people of all ages, abilities, and adaptive styles. This year, we are planning residences with St Joan of Arc Church, St Paul Academy and Summit School, South High, St Anthony Park Elementary, St Peder's Lutheran Church, Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, and Redeemer Health and Rehab Center.

## BREAD & PUPPET TOUR

We are thrilled to welcome Bread & Puppet to our stage on October 6th & 7th for their performance of *The Grasshopper Rebellion Circus*; a large-scale puppet spectacle demonstrating riot and rebellion against social injustice with the help of state of the art paper-maché weaponry. The performance features social criticism of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the U.S. Supreme Court, and tells the stories of resistance and resilience from around the world.



[Tickets and more information available here.](#)

HOBT's 2018-2019 season represents a schedule lighter than the past three years of intense work during which HOBT produced full-length works including *QUEEN*, *BETWEEN THE WORLDS*, *THE STORY OF CROW BOY*, *LA NATIVIDAD*, *MUSIC ANIMATED*, *ACTION SEQUENCE*, and *MAKE-BELIEVE NEIGHBORHOOD*. HOBT has delayed plans announced earlier this year to once again produce *LA NATIVIDAD*, as well as delaying the development of a new Steve Ackerman project, *BRUTE* as we build a sustainable organization that will be healthy and thriving over the next 45 years.

## REIMAGINING THE AVALON

Once again this year, HOBT will focus our work on creating opportunities for youth, artists, and neighbors to share the stories of the people who live here. Additionally, we continue to be in a deep process of imagining ways the Avalon Theater could better serve our neighborhoods. We would love to hear what you can imagine. **Please fill out this survey** to share your thoughts. You can also send thoughts directly to HOBT Executive Director Corrie Zoll at 612-540-5366 or [execdir@hobt.org](mailto:execdir@hobt.org)

We look forward to our 45th season and invite you to join us in using puppet and mask performance to bring people together for the common good.