

ACT THEATRE NEWS

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Seattle, WA – October 30, 2006 ACT Theatre has opened ***StageCraft***, a new theatrical artisan bazaar, offering a wide variety of crafts and art created by Seattle theatre artists. Proceeds from the shop benefit both the artists and ACT Theatre.

StageCraft is located at ACT Theatre, 7th and Union in downtown Seattle, on the third floor in The Rubinstein Room, next to the lobby of the Allen Theatre. ***StageCraft*** is open one hour prior to curtain and one half hour following each performance of *The Underpants* by Steve Martin, now through November 12.

StageCraft will be open special hours on Friday, November 24, from noon through the end of the evening performance of ACT's holiday production of *A Christmas Carol*. It is then open before and after the remaining performances of *A Christmas Carol* through December 24. Visit www.acttheatre.org for ACT's performance schedule.

Items for sale in ***StageCraft*** range in price from less than \$5 to \$1,200. Original, unique arts and crafts include photography; paintings; hand-woven and crocheted shawls, scarves and hats; children's clothing jewelry; pottery; linens; shadowboxes; mosaics and more. Selected books related to ACT productions are also available for sale, courtesy of Elliott Bay Book Company.

Featured artists include Greg Adair, Anne Allgood, Eric Ray Anderson, Nick Barnett, Marianne Owen Beattie, Katie Beudert, Corina Boetgger, Rebecca Brinson, Julie Briskman, Nicole Cochran, Jeffrey Cook, Al Doggett, David Drummond, Esther Ervin, Mary Fields, Kurchta Harding, Sarah Harlett, Kit Harris, Bobbi Kotula, Priscilla Lauris, Margaret Layne, Leslie Law, Liz McCarthy, Sally Mellis, Cynthia Moore, Jayne Muirhead, Eric Newman, James Nichols, Chris Olson, Vivian Phillips, Rod Pilloud, Morgan Rowe, Michael Scheinine, David Scully, Karen Skrinde, David Silverman, Annette Toutonghi, Bill Williams, and R. Hamilton Wright.

“ACT is all about the artist,” says artistic director Kurt Beattie. “We see the extraordinary talents every day onstage. ***StageCraft*** allows us to share the full creativity of the Seattle theatre community with our audiences. It's a terrific partnership.”

For more information about ***StageCraft*** inventory and hours, contact Nicole Cochran at 206-292-7660 x1224 or artistic@acttheatre.org.

About ACT Theatre

For the past 40 years ACT's mission has been to present a broad spectrum of the very best of contemporary theatre that speaks to audiences of all backgrounds. A significant part of ACT Theatre's mandate is to commission new works and to foster the development of those works in a supportive and inspiring workplace.

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