Staged reading: Lunch at Audrey’s

*Streaming live*

*(PHOENIX – June 19, 2020)* The Phoenix Theatre Company presents a reading of the world premiere play *Lunch at Audrey's* by Jarlath Barsanti-Jacobs. The reading will be streamed on YouTube Live on Sunday June 26th at 7pm for free. (Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIsOVO9Xtss>.) The reading will be directed by Karla Koskinen, and will feature Claire Brownell as Audrey Hepburn, as well as Maria Amorocho, Maren Mascarelli, Pasha Yamotahari, and Toby Yatso.

The play, which was developed at The Phoenix Theatre Company's Festival of New American Theatre, will receive its world premiere as part of the 20/21 season. *Lunch at Audrey's* follows Audrey Hepburn, as she waits on pins and needles for a doctor's call to confirm the viability of her third attempt at motherhood. Her day is complicated by worrisome calls from her husband and her mother with mounting pressure from her agent to play Holly Golightly (a call girl!). Playwright Jarlath Barsanti-Jacobs lovingly imagines a day in the life of one of cinema's most enduring icons.

" New Work Development is still thriving in the age of quarantine here at The Phoenix Theatre Company,” says Robert Kolby Harper, Associate Artistic Director. "The method has had to change but we are thrilled to be able to redirect our efforts back to what we do best: developing new American Theatre. Our shows may be on pause but the work continues.”

Jarlath Barsanti-Jacobs continues, “Writing this play has been such a labor of love. A reading is such a special opportunity to welcome a community into the development process.”

The reading of *Lunch at Audrey’s* marks an addition to a busy summer of digital content at The Phoenix Theatre Company. Offerings include a regular interview series with Producing Artistic Director Michael Barnard called Behind the Curtain, summer programming (Summer of Dance Live and Next Stages), and benefit concerts (UNITE: A Benefit for Black Lives Matter and An Evening with Friends).

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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. The Phoenix Theatre Company is currently celebrating its 100th anniversary. For more information, visit [www.phoenixtheatre.com](http://www.phoenixtheatre.com/).

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