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**World Premiere Play Explores the Diverse and Influential Impact of the First Two Women Appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court**

This new world premiere play features the relationship between two U.S. Supreme Court justices who are polar opposites and also modern-day legends: feminist idol Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Arizona native Sandra Day O’Connor. The play runs live at The Phoenix Theatre Company April 3–28, 2019.

*Sisters in Law* is based on the 2015 book of the same name written by Linda Hirshman*.* The adaptation for the stage was written by Jonthan Shapiro, ex-federal prosecutor and law professor turned author, award winning television writer and producer of shows like “The Black List” and “Boston Legal.”The Phoenix Theatre Company is the first theatre in the world to bring *Sisters in Law* to the stage.

“*Sisters in Law* is an important piece of theatre and is especially relevant in these divisive times. It addresses vital national conversations on women’s rights, making lasting change in our society, and sharing viewpoints with those we disagree with,” said Michael Barnard, producing artistic director for The Phoenix Theatre Company. “Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sandra Day O’Connor’s friendship is an inspiration and a reminder that our differences do not have to divide us.”

Ginsburg, appointed to the court in 1993 by President Bill Clinton, is a current justice on the Supreme Court. She is known for holding a more liberal position on the court and is the subject of a couple current biopics about her unlikely path to the Supreme Court. In her legal career she is known for being an advocate for the advancement of gender equality and women's rights. O’Connor, appointed in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan, and the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court, retired in 2006. She held a more conservative position on the Supreme Court, but later became a swing opinion as she was known for her dislike of generalizations. She is an Arizona native and currently resides here. In 2018, she announced she’d been diagnosed with dementia.

The play explores the diverse backgrounds of both women, their parallel yet varied paths to the Supreme Court and what they accomplished while on the court during the 13 years they served together.

Directed by Dana Resnick, the cast of two includes Laura Wernette as Sandra Day O’Connor and Eileen T’Kaye as Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

*Sisters in Law* tickets are on sale now and start at just $29. To purchase by phone, call (602) 254-2151 or visit [www.phoenixtheatre.com](http://www.phoenixtheatre.com).

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**ABOUT THE PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY**

The Phoenix Theatre Company, formerly Phoenix Theatre, 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 state with nearly 500 performances each year on multiple stages. Located at 1825 N Central Ave in Phoenix in the heart of downtown, The Phoenix Theatre Company’s mission is to create exceptional experiences by using the arts to articulate messages that inspire hope and understanding. In 2020, The Phoenix Theatre Company will celebrate its 100th anniversary. For more information visit, [www.phoenixtheatre.com](http://www.phoenixtheatre.com/).

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