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Steppenwolf Theatre Company's Veterans' Night Performance Series

In 1982, Steppenwolf Theatre Company founders Jeff Perry, Terry Kinney, and Gary Sinise began what is now known as the Veterans' Night Performance Series, inviting local area veterans and active service members to the final dress rehearsal of the play *True West*. Now, 30 years later, this night continues to be an important part of the Steppenwolf programming and has grown to include homeless and low-income individuals, developmentally disabled persons and substance abuse patients who are invited to the final dress rehearsals of the plays featured in Steppenwolf's Subscription Season.

Guests of the Veterans' Night Series have the opportunity to join us at the theatre for a complimentary pre-show meal and refreshments. Volunteers welcome and serve each group, taking the opportunity to mingle with guests and make new friends. Many of the participants return for each Veterans Night and build lasting relationships with our volunteers making the evening an important and memorable social event.

After enjoying a warm meal and friendly conversation, our guests are ushered to the theatre for an exclusive first look at a Steppenwolf subscription show. Before the show begins, Steppenwolf staff members host a brief pre-show discussion to give a synopsis of the production and to put each play in context for the audience members, drawing connections to the themes of the plays and how we live today.



Veterans Night Community Partners

Albany Care Mentally Ill Facility
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National Women Veterans United
North Chicago VA Med Center/The
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Veterans
Rush Day Hospital
The Night Ministry-Open Door Shelter-
West Town
Thresholds

The Veterans' Night Performance Series furthers Steppenwolf's mission of making the theater accessible to everyone regardless of physical ability or economic circumstance. This event enables Steppenwolf to reach out to some of the most underserved populations in Chicago and to support innovative programs that provide access to the theater for those in our community who are limited by education, geography, and economic circumstance.

Over the past three seasons, Steppenwolf has increased the number of tickets available for this program and established relationships with new community partners as well as continued to nurture our connections with longtime partners.

2017-2018 Veterans' Night Performances

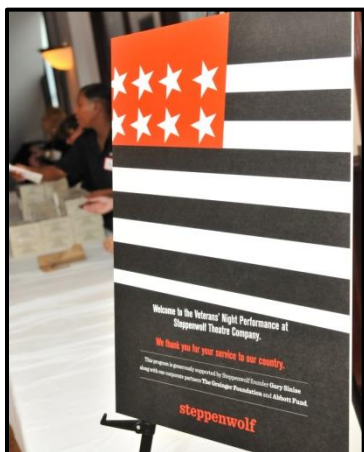
The Rembrandt - September 6, 2017

The Minutes - November 8, 2017

You Got Older - January 24, 2018

The Doppelgänger - April 4, 2018

The Roommate - June 20, 2018



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