

*39<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit*

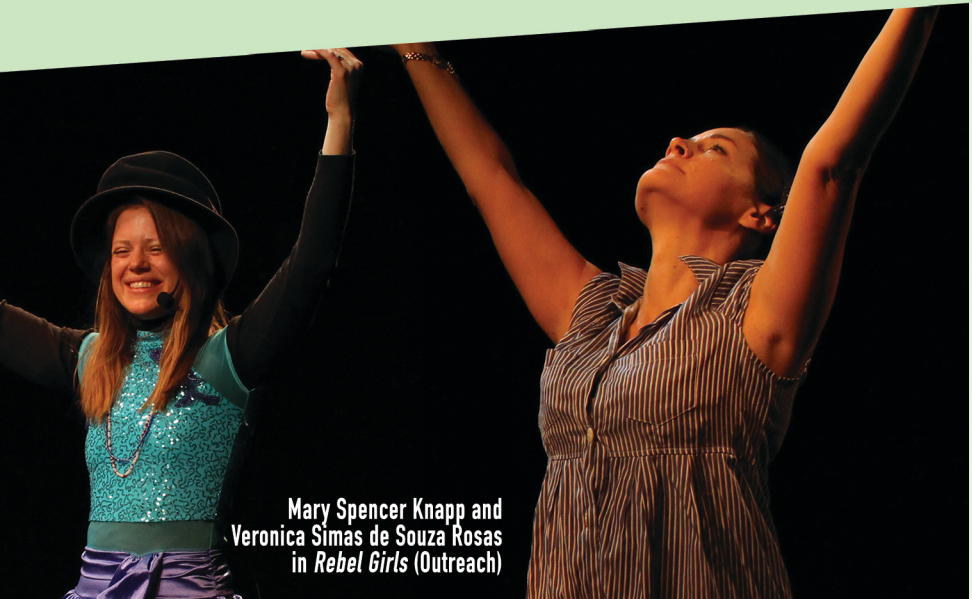
**MAY 23, 2023. 6:30PM**

*The Players - 16 Gramercy Park South*

**STORIES  
& SONGS**

*Celebrating* **urbanStages**  
*Artistic Community*





Mary Spencer Knapp and  
Veronica Simas de Souza Rosas  
in *Rebel Girls* (Outreach)

**OUR MISSION:** To champion new works by artists of diverse backgrounds and to make art, theater and education available to all.

**AN AWARD-WINNING OFF-BROADWAY STAGE:** Since 1984, we have been a NYC staple. We focus on developing and producing plays and musicals that give rise to underrepresented experiences and stories not often told. Plays that premiere on our stage often go on to larger venues and publication. Our artists continue on to vibrant creative careers. Our audiences enjoy exciting new theater + low/free ticket prices.

**THEATER AND ART FOR EVERYBODY THROUGH OUTREACH:** We are committed to pulling down socio-economic barriers that prevent many from engaging with theater and the arts. Our Outreach program tours libraries in all five boroughs of NYC in hundreds of events a year. We offer educational plays, art workshops and other programs in more than 14 languages. All FREE!

**Our annual benefit  
funds our mission!**

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*Board of Directors Invites you to our 39th Annual Benefit*



# Stories & Songs

*Celebrating*

**Urban Stages' Artistic Community**

*Spotlighting Artists From Our*

**Off-Broadway Stage**

**Winter Rhythms Music Series**

**Touring Community Outreach Programs**

*6:30 pm - Cocktails*

*7:45pm - Dinner by Chef Wayne Ried*

*8:30pm - Urban Stages' Stars: Stories & Songs*

*9:00pm - Auction*

**TUES, MAY 23, 2023. 6:30PM**

*The Players Club*

**16 Gramercy Park South. NYC 10003**

*Festive Dress*



## Artists to Perform

Broadway and Cabaret Star *Karen Akers*

Sam Norkin Drama Desk Award-Winner *Mary Bacon*

Tony Award-Winner *Trezana Beverley*

Songwriter and Humorist *John Forster*

Multi-Instrumentalist, Composer and Educator *Mary Spencer Knapp*

Latin Grammy-Nominated Peruvian singer *Araceli Poma*



## **A sampling of Auction Items. Auctioneer Nicholas Lowry, Swann Auction Galleries**

### **FOR WINE LOVERS ONLY**

A case of Phillips Hill's 2018 Roma's Vineyard Anderson Valley Pinot Noir Wine Enthusiast Magazine Score: 95! "Great balance. Pure fruit flavors. A real standout." Value: \$500.

### **A 3-DAY SEPTEMBER BEACH WEEKEND IN LITTLE COMPTON, RI**

Enjoy a guest cottage on a 19th century dairy farm with sweeping views of the sea and shoreline. 2 bedrooms with an enclosed sleeping loft, 2 full baths, full kitchen, large deck, hidden nooks. Lots of spaces for long walks. Private beach! Kayaks! Value: \$2500

### **WIN AN ORIGINAL SONG**

For a birthday, anniversary, wedding! Written by award-winning songwriter Tom Toce. His cabaret songs have been recorded by Andrea Marcovicci, Jane Monheit, Tovah Feldshuh, and many others. Who knows? Maybe your original songs will hit the charts. Value: \$500

### **ESCAPE TO PUERTO VALLARTA**

Do margaritas and enchiladas sound good? Treat yourself to a week on the beach in a two-bedroom condo in Puerto Vallarta. Enjoy the PV's new art center, the botanical gardens and whale watching. Value: \$2500

### **GOLF ON THE BEST COURSES IN NEW YORK**

Sharpen up your game by playing at Long Island's most prestigious clubs. A round of golf and lunch at Maidstone Club in East Hampton. Then indulge yourself another day at Sebonack – the site of the 2014 LPGA Championship—with lunch overlooking the course for 3 players. Value: Priceless.

### **A BROADWAY NIGHT: LIFE OF PI & DINNER**

This extraordinary adventure drama has just hit Broadway to rave reviews. See this visually stunning play for yourself starring Urban Stages' alum Salma Shaw (previously seen in our 2019 NY premiere of Bars and Measure). Win 2 tickets and dinner at a nearby restaurant. Value: \$700

### **ENJOY A WEEK IN SAUSALITO/SAN FRANCISCO**

Spend a special week looking at spectacular views of the San Francisco Bay in a 3 bedroom/bath house in Sausalito with decks, gardens off every room. Walk down the hill to the bayside town and enjoy the restaurants and shops. Close to wine country, the beach, and San Francisco by ferry. A French lunch at La Garage on the bay included. Value: \$3000

**And many more  
exciting items!**

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