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MILWAUKEE REPERTORY THEATER Newly renovated **Stackner Cabaret** Opens Friday, September 7



September, 5, 2018 - [Milwaukee, WI] After years of planning, months of construction and \$1.75million later, [Milwaukee Repertory Theater](http://www.MilwaukeeRep.com) is set to reopen the newly renovated Stackner Cabaret on Friday, September 7, 2018 in conjunction with the start of the 65th Anniversary Season with American Premiere of *Songs for Nobodies* by Joanna Murray-Smith starring the incomparable Bethany Thomas.

Since its opening in 1987, the Stackner Cabaret **has been one of Milwaukee's most in-demand** performance venues playing to near capacity crowds for an average of 300 performances a year. The much needed renovation increases the seating capacity by over 35% to 186 seats, provides state of the art production capabilities, comfortable new seats and tables, extra bathrooms for ladies, new kitchen and bar, and expanded outer patio space ready to serve up the most delicious meals and best cocktails. In addition to the theater space, the new outer patio bar will open weekdays at 4:30pm for happy hour featuring drink specials and a full appetizer menu as well as a big screen TV to watch your favorite sports teams. Additionally, the Stackner Cabaret will be the first theater in the city of Milwaukee to use a T-coil Loop Hearing System, which provides a magnetic, wireless signal that is picked up by the hearing aid when set to T (Telecoil), eliminating the need for assisted listening devices.

Designed by Uihlein/Wilson – Ramlow/Stein Architects and built by Hunzinger Construction, the Stackner Cabaret remodel would not have been possible without the generous donations of over 100 individuals and corporations, including the lead gift of \$750,000 from longtime Rep supporter and former Board President Vince Martin and his wife Jan. For a full list of donors please visit www.MilwaukeeRep.com/Support.

“We are so thrilled to open our 65th Anniversary Season in the brand new state of the art Stackner Cabaret,” said Artistic director Mark Clements. “We thank the Martins, the Stackner Family Foundation and all our donors for their generous support in creating an opportunity for more people to experience the art on our stages.”

The Stackner Cabaret is open for drinks and dinner service Tuesday – Friday 4:30pm – 12am, Saturdays 2:30pm – 12am, and Sundays 1pm – 12am. For updates on daily specials and dinner packages follow @MKESackner on twitter.

To purchase tickets to *Songs for Nobodies*, and other shows in the Camille & David Kundert Stackner Season including ***The All Night Strut!, Mark Twain’s River of Song***, and *Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash*, go to www.MilwaukeeRep.com, call 414-224-9490 or visit in person at the Ticket Office (108 E. Wells Street).

For more information, please visit our website www.MilwaukeeRep.com/StacknerRenovation

Photos of the new Stackner Cabaret are available for [download here](#)

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Milwaukee Rep is the largest performing arts organization in Wisconsin in terms of audiences served and one of the largest professional theaters in the country. Each year, The Rep welcomes up to 275,000 people more than 650 performances of 15 productions ranging from compelling dramas, powerful classics, new plays and full-scale musicals in its three unique performance venues – the Quadracci Powerhouse, Stiemke Studio and Stackner Cabaret. Now in its 65th Season, The Rep has gained a national reputation as an incubator of new work, an agent of community change and a forward-thinking provider of vital arts education programs. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Mark Clements and Managing Director Chad Bauman, Milwaukee Repertory Theater ignites positive change in the cultural, social, and economic vitality of its community by creating world-class theater experiences that entertain, provoke, and inspire meaningful dialogue among an audience representative of Milwaukee’s rich diversity.