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ATC ONLINE SCHEDULE THIS WEEK INCLUDES LIVE READING OF SEAN DANIELS' "THE WHITE CHIP"

Arizona Theatre Company (ATC) has lined up a series of online lessons, conversations and chats this week and next, many tying into the live reading of ***The White Chip*** by the Off-Broadway cast of Artistic Director Sean Daniels' journey to sobriety, in a benefit for ATC and The Voices Project, a grassroots recovery advocacy organization.

Among the special guests who appeared on ATC's Digital Backstage was leading American playwright Lauren Gunderson (***Silent Sky***), who taught playwriting with Daniels in the [Classroom](#).

Last week's ATC's Digital Backstage Podcast, [Hang and Focus](#) featuring Sheryl Kaller, who directed ***The White Chip***, actor and comedian Dan Bakkedahl (Tim Hughes on *Life* (CBS), Congressman Roger Furlong on *Veep* (HBO) and Steve Nugent *Legit* (FX); actor Hank Stratton (*The Unit*) is now available for additional viewing.

Community Panels, each with different guests discussing issues around addiction, sobriety and recovery, are scheduled at 4 p.m. on May 12, 13 (topic: Cast in Conversation), May 13 (topic: The Psychology of Recovery) and May 14 (topic: Recovery in College).

The live reading of *The White Chip* will be broadcast live at 5 p.m. (Pacific Time) / 8 p.m. (Eastern Time), Monday, May 11 simultaneously on Arizona Theatre Company's

Facebook page (@ArizonaTheatreCompany) and [YouTube](#) channel. The performance is free, but viewers are welcome to [donate](#) what they can. The performance will then be available for four days afterwards through ATC's [website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel. All donations will be divided equally between the two organizations.

The Digital Backstage schedule includes:

- [Classroom](#)

- For ATCteens: Tuesday, May 12, 3 p.m. (Pacific Time, 6 p.m. Eastern Time): Conversation with a cast member from *The White Chip*.

- For ATC teens: Friday, May 15, 1:30 p.m. (Pacific Time, 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time): ATCteen Book Club: *The White Chip* with Sean Daniels

- [Hang & Focus](#)

- Sunday, May 10, (time to be announced): Hang & Focus Episode 8: Voices of Recovery

- [The Black Box](#)

- Live reading of *The White Chip*

The live reading will feature the original Off-Broadway cast of Joe Tapper, Genesis Oliver and Finnerty Steeves. Leon Rothenberg is the Sound Designer, Ido Levran is the Technical Director, Kristi Hess is the Stage Manager, and James Blaszkowski is the Associate Director.

The reading is dedicated to five-time Tony Award-winning recipient, playwright and librettist Terrence McNally (*Ragtime*, *Kiss of the Spiderwoman*, *Love! Valour! Compassion!*, *Master Class*). The Off-Broadway production was co-produced with Tony Award-winning producers Tom Kirdahy (*Little Shop of Horrors*, *Hadestown*) and Hunter Arnold (*Little Shop of Horrors*, *Hadestown*).

The White Chip is a dry comedy about drying out. Directed by Sheryl Kaller, *The White Chip* follows Steven (Joe Tapper) on a wild theatrical journey to recovery. Steps away from his dream job running one of the hottest theaters in the country, Steven quickly spirals out of control from his place on top of the world to rock bottom. From first sip to first love, critical hit to critical care, he carves an unusual path to sobriety.

For more information about the Arizona Theatre Company, visit www.arizonatheatre.org. For more information about The Voices Project, visit www.voicesriseup.org.

Under new leadership, and now celebrating its 53rd Season, Arizona Theatre Company is truly “The State Theatre.” Our company boasts the largest subscriber base of any performing arts organization in Arizona, with more than 130,000 people each year attending performances at the historic Temple of Music and Art in Tucson, and the elegant Herberger Theater Center in downtown Phoenix.

Each season of high-quality productions reflects the rich variety of world theatre – from classic to contemporary plays, from musicals to new works – audiences enjoy the rich emotional experience and joy that can only be captured through live theatre. ATC is the preeminent professional theatre in the state of Arizona. Under the direction of Artistic Director Sean Daniels, Managing Director Billy Russo, and Managing Director Designee, Geri Wright, ATC operates in two cities – unlike any other League of Resident Theaters (LORT) company in the country.

ATC shares the passion of the theatre through a wide array of outreach programs, educational opportunities, access initiatives, and community events. With more than 800 Education & Engagement activities through the schools and summer programs, ATC focuses on teaching Arizona’s youth about the creative power of dramatic literature and how it can enrich their own lives in multiple ways.

ATC reaches far beyond the metropolitan areas of Tucson and Phoenix, enriching the theatre learning experience for current and future audiences.

About The Voices Project:

The Voices Project is a grassroots recovery advocacy organization that is changing the way America thinks about recovery, one voice at a time. End the silence, end addiction. Learn more and get involved.

Work Together. Recover Together. Better Together.

<https://voicesriseup.org/>

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