

Jan-19 thru Feb-18
Thu-Fri-Sat, 7:30pm
\$30-\$45

12th Ave Arts
1620 12th Ave, Seattle
Tickets: gloria.bpt.me

GLORIA STEINEM'S LIFE OF ACTIVISM IS
A TALKING CIRCLE FOR DISCUSSING TODAY'S
STRUGGLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Emily Mann's "Gloria: A Life"
at 12th Ave Arts, Jan 19- Feb-18

"For millennia, human beings have been sitting around campfires, telling and listening to each other's stories. Books and computers help us to learn, but only being together with all five senses allows us to empathize, to understand and to act.

"This is the magic of both a movement and a play.

"Like a pebble tossed into a pond, the ripples keep changing lives."

—Gloria Steinem

Five decades after Gloria Steinem began raising her voice for equality and championing the voices of others, she remains a leader of the American women's movement. Emily Mann's play traces the progress of Steinem's extraordinary life, from her undercover *Playboy* Bunny exposé in the 1960s, through her founding of *Ms. Magazine* in the 1970s, to her speech at the 2017 Women's March.

Staged for Strawberry Theatre Workshop by Makaela Milburn in a living room set, "Gloria: A Life" puts the words of the famed journalist into action through an ensemble of six actors, played by Alanah Pascual, Kathy Hsieh, Marion Jacobs, Ayo Tushinde, Sarah Harlett, and Sharon Barto Gouran. Steinem's journey to activism is traded between voices and distinct cultural origins, giving the movement less historical and more contemporary energy, and the early feminists' accomplishments drawn as less individual and more collaborative.

For Strawshop, "Gloria" is one of the most pertinent expressions of its mission to activate community conversation. "Gloria" expands the conversation in the second half of the evening to a discussion of local activism, bounded by four guidelines directly inspired by organizing principles of Black Lives Matter: "Lead with Love, Low Ego, High Impact, and Move at the Speed of Trust."

For Artistic Director Greg Carter, this was the kind of theatre the community was hungry for when social justice protests rocked the Capitol Hill neighborhood, but the performing arts were shuttered by the pandemic. "Gloria: A Life" is Strawshop's first fully realized play to be staged since 2020.

*Special pricing: Strawshop wants people to see "Gloria" in clusters. To that end, on Fridays and Saturdays, any group of tickets bought in advance at Brown Paper Tickets (gloria.bpt.me) are three for the price of two. Buy three tickets or more and the price drops by 33%. No passwords or discount codes required. Just gather some friends to get a free ticket.

"**Gloria: A Life** is a unique, deeply moving performance created in the hopeful, conversational spirit of its extraordinary subject."
—Sara Holdren, *New York Magazine's Vulture*

"One part theater, one part consciousness-raising group therapy session, **Gloria: A Life** offers an experience that promises to be a more intimate recollection of Steinem's journey, not only because it's been singularly shaped by the hands of women."
—Noor Brara, *Vogue*

LISTING INFORMATION:

Gloria: A Life

Previews: **Thu-Fri, Jan 19-20, 2023**

Opens: **Saturday, January 21, 2023**

Venue: **12th Ave Arts**

Address: **1620 12th Ave, Seattle 98122**

Performance Times: **all shows 7:30pm**

Ticket Prices: **\$30-\$45**

Thursday Discount: **all tickets \$30**

Regular Discount, Friday & Saturday: **Buy 3 or more tickets: \$30**

Regular Price, Friday & Saturday: **Buy 1 or 2 tickets: \$45**

Phone Sales: **1-800-838-3006**

Online Sales: **gloria.bpt.me**

Event page: **strawshop.org/gloria**

ABOUT STRAWBERRY THEATRE WORKSHOP:

Founded in 2004 by Greg Carter, Strawberry Theatre Workshop is a professional theatre company dedicated to socially engaged work of the highest caliber. Strawshop is a Stranger Genius Award winner, a six-time Seattle Times Footlight Award winner, and the only company to be nominated for a TPS Gregory Award for Outstanding Production four years in a row. Strawshop is one of three companies selected to operate the new 12th Avenue Arts, a center for theatre that opened in 2015 with Strawshop's critically acclaimed "Our Town."