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HEDY!
The Life & Inventions of
Hedy Lamarr

Written and Performed by
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IndyFringe
Indy Eleven Theatre
719 E Saint Clair St
Indianapolis, IN

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“In Lily Tomlin-esque fashion ... Massie channels the iconic star ... vividly yet matter-of-factly, and often very humorously ... In a balance of high energy and poise, Heather Massie is no less than captivating.”

– Jed Ryan, The Huffington Post

“Richly realized ... Both convincingly real and larger than life ... she has us thoroughly swept up.”

– Jon Sobel, Blogcritics Magazine

“Magnetic performance and inventive writing ... Fresh and bold.” – Darryl Reilly, TheaterScene.net

“Highly entertaining ... compelling and humorous.” -- C.E. Gerber, Splash Magazine

“Lively and enlightening ... engaging performance.” – Jay Handelman, Sarasota Herald-Tribune

Indianapolis, IN... IndyFringe is pleased to present the **return** of the **award-winning, critically-acclaimed** NYC solo play, **HEDY! The Life & Inventions of Hedy Lamarr**, written and performed by **Heather Massie**, after its successful run in **DivaFest 2017**. Presented on **Wed Aug 23 @ 7:30PM; Sat Aug 26 @ 10:30PM; and Sun Aug 27 @ 4:30PM** at the **IndyFringe Indy Eleven Theatre, 719 E. Saint Clair St.** in Indianapolis.

Tickets are \$15 Adults; \$12 Students/Seniors; & \$10 Children under 12, and are available at <http://www.indyfringe.org/theatre-show/hedy-life-inventions-hedy-lamarr> and (317) 308-9800. Recommended for ages 12+.

Press Packet for photos etc.: www.heathermassie.com/hedy/presskit

The show website: www.heathermassie.com/hedy

Hedy Lamarr, glamorous siren of the silver screen, was more than the most beautiful woman in the world. She invented frequency hopping and spread spectrum technology that make the world of wireless communication tick. From Austria to Hollywood, WWII, torpedoes, ecstasy, and intrigue to the very cell phone in your pocket, she was there!

HEDY! The Life & Inventions of Hedy Lamarr explores the life, inventions and person of Hedy Lamarr, Viennese-born Hollywood film star of the 1930s-1950s. Known as **The Most Beautiful Woman in the World**, Hedy Lamarr stored away knowledge of munitions while married to Austrian arms dealer, Fritz Mandl. She employed this knowledge to support the US Navy's war effort during WWII by inventing **The Secret Communication System** with composer George Antheil, to make torpedoes more accurate. Also referred to as **Frequency Hopping** or **Spread Spectrum Technology**, her invention is used today in cell phones, WiFi, CDMA, GPS, Bluetooth, military satellites, and a myriad of other wireless systems.

Heather Massie was honored as the **Outstanding Actress in a Staged Reading** at the **2016 Planet Connections Theatre Festivity in New York City** for **HEDY! The Life & Inventions of Hedy Lamarr**. The **World Premiere** was presented on Hedy Lamarr's 102nd birthday in the **United Solo Festival in New York City**, and was named a **2016 Festival Bestseller**. Ms. Massie was awarded as **Best Actress** in the **2017 SaraSolo Festival** in Sarasota, FL, and with the **Audience Choice Award** for the **2017 Shenandoah Fringe** in Staunton, VA. It was developed in the Artist-in-Residence program in 2016 at the **Grange Hall Cultural Center in Waterbury Center, VT**, and performed there in March 2017. It was presented in **DivaFest 2017** in Indianapolis in March 2017 and in the **2017 Planet Connections Theatre Festivity** June 18-30; at **Gamut Classic Theatre** in Harrisburg, PA July 7-9, 2017; in a special invited performance at The Stag's Head in **Dublin, Ireland** on July 17, 2017; and in **Galway Fringe 2017**, Galway, Ireland July 21-29. It is slated for **IndyFringe 2017** in Indianapolis, IN, Aug 23-27; in the **2017 Intwasa Arts Festival in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe** in September; and in the **2017 Charm City Fringe** in Baltimore, MD in November. Plans are underway for further production in international festivals, regional theatres, universities, museums, libraries, schools, and scientific and cultural organizations. This project is recommended, and supported in part, by the **Austrian Cultural Forum New York**. Most Recent Awards and Nominations: **Best Actress - Galway Fringe 2017**, Galway, Ireland. **Five nominations** in the **Planet Connections Theatre Festivity 2017**, NYC including nominations for **Outstanding Performance in a Solo Play, Outstanding Overall Production of a Solo Play, Outstanding Use of Projections, Outstanding Lighting Design, and Outstanding Sound Design**.

HEDY! The Life & Inventions of Hedy Lamarr has appeal for all audiences, with special interest for Immigrant, Austrian, Jewish, Film, History, Scientific, Wireless Communication, Military, Theatre, and LGBTQ Communities, as well as teenagers, adults, and retirees. It is suitable for ages 12+.

Heather Massie will star as Hedy Lamarr. Artistic Consultation & Direction - **Blake Walton**, Artistic Consultation - **Leslie Kincaid Burby**, Projections - **Jim Marlowe & Charley Marlowe**, Sound Design - **Jacob Subotnick**, Dialects - **Page Clements**, Technical Assistance - **Dan Leary**, Photography - **Al Foote III, Charley Marlowe & Monica Callan**.

Having studied **Astrophysics** with dreams of becoming an astronaut, **Heather Massie** marries her loves of art and science in the person of Hedy Lamarr. She brings Hedy to life while interacting with the audience, and unearths the truth behind how such a glamorous actress could create an invention which is 2252ubiquitous today.

Heather Massie (Writer / Solo Performer) is a NYC Actor and Writer. Originally from Blacksburg, Virginia, Ms. Massie has always been fascinated by the sciences, especially Astronomy. She studied Astrophysics at the University of Virginia, and Theatre Arts at The Virginia Tech School of the Arts, graduating Summa Cum Laude. Ms. Massie has performed extensively regionally and nationally in the US with: Mill Mountain Theatre, Allenberry Playhouse, Flat Rock Playhouse, Phoenix Theatre, Arizona Jewish Theatre Company, Nearly Naked Theatre, Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival, Southwest Shakespeare, Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre, Harrisburg Shakespeare Festival, and Gamut Classic Theater. In NYC she has performed with Signature Theatre in readings of the plays *Legends* and *Apples & Oranges* by playwright Leslie Lee. She is a member of WorkShop Theater, Manhattan Theatre Works, NyLon Fusion Theatre, Firebone Theatre, Abingdon Theatre, and the Negro Ensemble Company. She has also performed on Theatre Row, at LaMaMa, Metropolitan Playhouse, The Lamb's Theatre, 45th St. Theatre, Manhattan Theatre Club, The Dramatists Guild, New Dramatists, The Actors Studio, and more. She received the Jean Dalrymple Award for Best Supporting Actor

and received three AriZoni Award Nominations. She served as a Cultural Envoy to Zimbabwe for the 2008 Intwasa Arts Festival, and worked in Ecuador and St. Petersburg, Russia. Ms. Massie collaborated for many years with late Tony-Nominated playwright Mr. Leslie Lee, another scientist turned artist. She performed at LaMaMa in his plays *The Book of Lambert*; and *Mina*, about the life of painter-poet, Mina Loy; and in Mr. Lee's musical *Martin: A New American Musical* with music and lyrics by Charles Strouse, with the Negro Ensemble Company. Upon Mr. Lee's passing in 2014, Ms. Massie founded the Leslie Lee Legacy Foundation to foster the continued production of Mr. Lee's writings.

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Heather Massie as Hedy Lamarr – Photo L by Al Foote III; Photo R by Charley Marlowe



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