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HEDY! The Life & Inventions of Hedy Lamarr

• A True Story of Hollywood Glamour & Scientific Genius • Written & Performed by Heather Massie



• A Theatrical Tour de Force Celebrating Women in Science •

Hedy Lamarr, glamorous siren of the silver screen, was more than the most beautiful woman in the world. She invented Frequency-Hopping Spread Spectrum Technology that makes the world of wireless communication tick. From Austria to Hollywood, WWII, torpedoes, ecstasy, and intrigue to the very cell phone in your pocket, Hedy Lamarr is there!



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MISSION

To inspire audiences to make the world a better place.

To encourage young women in science & technology.

To establish Hedy Lamarr as a role model for intelligence, ingenuity & invention.

REVIEWS

"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." -- The Huffington Post

"Effervescent and entertaining ... A tour de force solo performance ... Heather Massie wowed the Inspirefest crowd as Hedy Lamarr." -- Silicon Republic

"Richly realized. Both convincingly real and larger than life ... she has us thoroughly swept up." -- Blogcritics Magazine

"It's measured, it's incisive and it's fascinating. Plenty of laughs and sadness too."

— Belfast Times

"If any woman in history deserves a one-woman tribute show it's Hedy Lamarr and if any actress is worthy of playing her it's the exceptionally talented Heather Massie. Massie is captivating as she rules the stage and teases her audience." – MD Theatre Guide "Heather Massie's Hedy Lamarr play is highly inventive" – The Irish News "Highly entertaining ... compelling and humorous ... considerable elegance and skill." – Splash Magazine

"Lively and enlightening ... engaging performance." – Sarasota Herald-Tribune "Heather Massie has created a tribute to this amazing woman ... And she does it well." – OffBrwy

"Gorgeous ... Heather Massie is the image of Hedy Lamarr." – Total Theater "Fantastic ... A truly remarkable performance." -- Andy B Sports "Remarkable ... I congratulate chameleon Heather Massie." – Theatre in the Now

Full Reviews: https://www.heathermassie.com/hedy/reviews

For Touring Worldwide to:

Theatres, PACs, Arts Festivals,
Science Festivals, Science Centers, Schools,
Universities, Museums, Jewish Centers,
Libraries, STEM & STEAM Events,
Technology Conferences
& More

Outreach: Q&As, Panel Discussions, Lectures, Workshops, Class Visits, Master Classes & Hedy Lamarr Film Screenings

Has played houses from 35 seats to 3000 seats For Ages 12 through 100+



Heather Massie enchants the audience as Hedy Lamarr, along with Jimmy Stewart, Bette Davis, Louis B Mayer, and more! A 36-character solo play where the audience summons Hedy to unearth the truth behind how a glamorous Hollywood film star could create an invention used in our cell phones, WiFi, GPS, & Bluetooth, launching today's wireless technology revolution!

PRESENTER TESTIMONIALS

"We were just thrilled to have <u>HEDY! The Life & Inventions of Hedy Lamarr</u> here at the National WWII Museum. It was the perfect show for BB's Stage Door Canteen. Our audiences left excited about the history and about Hedy Lamarr - raving about the show, telling all of their friends, asking for more, and they were very, very impressed with this ninety minute one woman show. I highly recommend HEDY! The Life & Inventions of Hedy Lamarr."

-- Erica Jensen, Director of Entertainment, National WWII Museum, BB's Stage Door Canteen, New Orleans

"HEDY! The Life & Inventions of Hedy Lamarr was a delight for our audiences to watch. This great story is inspiring to young girls and women interested in the sciences and the arts. The story shares the amazing truth that one can follow multiple passions and be successful in more than one field. Heather Massie portrays Hedy Lamarr exquisitely and is a delight to work with. She brings her passion and inspiring message to children of all ages and keeps them engaged and excited! This is a show that I would highly recommend, for any venue. It reaches all audiences young and old, those interested in the sciences, arts, history, you name it this show will check that box for all your niche audiences. Book Now!"

-- Dennis F. Malak, Director of Programming, Doudna Fine Arts Center, Eastern Illinois University

"We hosted the show: <u>HEDY! The Life & Inventions of Hedy Lamarr</u> in May of 2018 as part of our annual science festival. We presented it to a wide range of audiences from adult to university to high school. I was so impressed at how the show connected with audiences in each of those categories – children, students and adults alike were delighted and intrigued by this amazing story and the dynamic way in which it was presented in this one (wonder-) woman show! I have no hesitation in recommending 'HEDY!' to you."

-- Derek Fish, Director, Unizulu Science Centre, University of Zululand, South Africa

"I feel extremely privileged to write a few lines about an artist whose thought-provoking work touched my spirit and continues to inspire me, even months after the performance. It was an honor to present Heather Massie and her one-woman show <u>HEDY! The Life & Inventions of Hedy Lamarr</u> at the Doudna Fine Arts Center in Charleston, Illinois.

Heather Massie's performance is so mesmerizing that you may begin to believe it's actually Hedy Lamarr on stage telling her own story. Massie seems to embody the spirit of the woman whose remarkable story is so full of controversy, intrigue, and Hollywood glamour, that we fail to see beyond the outward appearance of the woman who was called "The Most Beautiful Woman in the World" and forget this is the person who pioneered the technology that would one day be the basis for WIFI, GPS, and Bluetooth communication. Heather Massie is an amazing artist who tells the amazing story of a visionary woman and she is flawless doing so. Bravo!

While it seems that sharing Hedy Lamarr's story on stage would be enough, Heather Massie's mission goes further. Her goal is to expand her performances by writing and performing the compelling stories of other significant women trailblazers whose impact have profoundly affected humankind. And by telling these stories she will inspire young people, especially girls, to embrace science and technology and excel in all things that make our planet a better place live. Now that's a mission!

Heather Massie gave our audience a true gift through her artistry. Heather, thank you for your enthusiasm and passion."

-- Dan Crews, ret. Director of Programming, Doudna Fine Arts Center, Eastern Illinois University

PRODUCTION HISTORY

UNITED STATES

The National WWII Museum - BB's Stage Door Canteen - New Orleans, LA * AMT Theater - NYC USS Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum - NYC * Doudna Fine Arts Center, Eastern Illinois University - Charleston, IL Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory - Laurel, MD * ACANSA - North Little Rock, AR Virginia Tech, Moss Arts Center - Blacksburg, VA * University of Virginia - Charlottesville, VA The Players Club - NYC * Millersville University - Millersville, PA * Champlain College - Burlington, VT Goodwill Theatre - Johnson City, NY * Gamut Classic Theatre - Harrisburg, PA * Stowe Theatre Guild - Stowe, VT SaraSolo Festival - Sarasota, FL * Stone Hill Arts Series, Stone Hill Church of Princeton - Princeton, NJ One & Only Festival, Grange Hall Cultural Center - Waterbury Center, VT * Charm City Fringe - Baltimore, MD New York New Works Theater Festival - Theatre Row, NYC * Scranton Fringe - Scranton, PA IndyFringe - Indianapolis, IN * Shenandoah Fringe - Staunton, VA * DivaFest - Indianapolis, IN Tubac Center of the Arts - Tubac, AZ * Willcox Theater and Arts - Willcox, AZ * CPAC - Green Valley, AZ Suffolk Community College - Brentwood, NY * United Solo Festival NYC * Planet Connections Theatre Festivity - NYC Zeiterion PAC - New Bedford, MA * New York Mills Regional Cultural Center - New York Mills, MN High Point Theatre - High Point, NC * Cincy Fringe - Cincinnati, OH * PortFringe - Portland, ME Sigma Xi IFoRE Conference - Alexandria, VA * Amityville Women's Club - NY * O'ahu Fringe Festival - Honolulu, HI AMT Theater - NYC * Desert Hills Presbyterian Church - Scottsdale, AZ * Sarasota Jewish Theatre - Sarasota, FL Kirkland Fine Arts Center, Millikin University - Decatur, IL * VA 4-H State Congress, VA Tech - Blacksburg, VA Barrymore Film Center - Fort Lee, NJ * Invisible Theatre - Tucson, AZ

IRELAND

Inspirefest Technology Conference, Bord Gáis Energy Theatre - Dublin * Town Hall Theatre - Galway Science Gallery Dublin, Trinity College - Dublin * Tech Amergin - Waterville * Friars' Gate Theatre - Kilmallock The Village Arts Centre - Kilworth * St John's Theatre - Listowel * Áras Éanna Arts Centre - Inisheer, Aran Islands Halla Rónáin - Inishmore, Aran Islands * Galway Fringe - Galway * Stag's Head Parlor Bar - Dublin

<u>UKRAINE</u> <u>NORTHERN IRELAND</u> <u>FINLAND</u>

ALGERIA

PRO. ACT Festival -Kyiv / Accidental Theatre -Belfast / FinFringe -Turku / Int'l Women's Monodrama Festiv'l -El Oued

ICELAND ZAMBIA CANADA

RVK Fringe Festival - Reykjavík EGYPT

Alliance Française - Lusaka Chilliwack Cultural Centre - Chilliwack, BC TUNISIA

Cairo International Monodrama Festival - Cairo Altesira International Monodrama Festival - El Ksour

SWEDEN

AHA Festival, Chalmers University - Gothenburg * Gothenburg Fringe - Gothenburg

Vetenskapsfestivalen International Science Festival - Gothenburg * UPPTECH Science Center - Jönköping

Navet Science Center - Borås * Tom Tits Experiment Science Museum - Södertälje

ITALY ZIMBABWE

OnStage! Festival - Rome

Intwasa Arts Festival - Bulawayo (2x)

Lucido's Festival "Extraordinary Women" - Cagliari, Sardinia Harare International Festival of the Arts - Harare

SOUTH AFRICA

National Arts Festival - Grahamstown/Makhanda * Theatre on the Square - Johannesburg
Alexander Bar, Café & Theatre - Cape Town * George Arts Theatre - George
Cape Town Science Centre - Cape Town * Makukhanye Art Room - Khayelitsha * Thope Foundation - Khayelitsha
Unizulu Science Centre - Richards Bay * Sci-Bono Discovery Centre - Johannesburg
Rural Education Festival - Limpopo Province * Inkcubeko Youth & Science Centre - George
Christoph Meyer Maths & Science Centre - Mseleni * SciFest - Makhanda/Grahamstown





STORY OF THE SHOW

HEDY! The Life & Inventions of Hedy Lamarr celebrates the unexpected scientific genius of Hedy Lamarr, Viennese-born Hollywood film star of the 1930s-1950s. Known as The Most Beautiful Woman in the World, Lamarr spent her spare time in Hollywood inventing new technology. She had 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 known as Frequency-Hopping Spread Spectrum Technology, her invention is used today in cell phones, WiFi, CDMA, GPS, and Bluetooth.

Having studied **Astrophysics** with dreams of becoming an astronaut before studying Theatre Arts, **Heather Massie** marries her loves of art and science in the person of Hedy Lamarr. **Portraying 36 characters** in this solo play, **Massie enchants the audience as Hedy Lamarr, along with Jimmy Stewart, Bette Davis, Louis B Mayer**, and more! Hedy is summoned to unearth the truth behind how a glamorous actress could create **an invention which launched today's wireless technology revolution!** The show premiered **Off Broadway** in 2016 on Theatre Row, and has since toured throughout the United States, Canada, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Italy, Sweden, Finland, Ukraine, Iceland, Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, Egypt, Tunisia, and Algeria garnering 27 awards and critical acclaim. Written and performed by **Fulbright Specialist Heather Massie**, its mission is **to inspire audiences to pursue their passions, especially to encourage young women in science and technology, and to establish Hedy Lamarr as a role model for intelligence, ingenuity, and invention.**

Heather Massie stars as Hedy Lamarr. Direction - Blake Walton & Leslie Kincaid Burby, Projections - Jim Marlowe & Charley Marlowe, Sound Design - Jacob Subotnick & Andy Evan Cohen, Dialects - Page Clements, Technical Director - Dan Leary, Photography - Al Foote III, Charley Marlowe, Monica Callan, & Inspirefest.

Full Story of the Show here: www.HeatherMassie.com/story-of-the-show



WRITER / PERFORMER BIO

Heather Massie is a NYC actor and writer. Originally from 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, Phi Beta Kappa, and Phi Kappa Phi. She has performed extensively in NYC and throughout the US. She currently tours the world, with her 27x Award-Winning, Internationally Acclaimed solo show <u>HEDY! The Life & Inventions of Hedy Lamarr</u>, which she premiered Off Broadway in 2016. This is the first in her planned trilogy of solo shows celebrating women in science, the next will be <u>Flying with Sally Ride! America's First Woman in Space</u>. In 2019 she served as a Fulbright Specialist to South Africa through the US Department of State, World Learning, and the US Embassy South Africa.

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Promo Video: www.HeatherMassie.com/promo

Showcase Video: www.HeatherMassie.com/showcase Additional Video: www.tinyurl.com/HEDYInspirefest Outreach Activities: www.HeatherMassie.com/outreach

Press Drive, Photos, etc.: www.HeatherMassie.com/hedy/presskit

Tech Rider: www.HeatherMassie.com/tech-rider

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RECENT & UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

Intwasa Arts Festival - Bulawayo, Zimbabwe - Sept 26-30, 2023 Alliance Française Lusaka - Lusaka, Zambia - Oct 7, 1023

Morningside Players - New York, NY - Oct 25-29, 2023 - Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone Grant

Chilliwack Cultural Centre - Chilliwack, BC, Canada - Nov 16, 2023

Invisible Theatre - Tucson, AZ - Dec 6-10, 2023

APAP Conference - NYC - Jan 12-16, 2024

International Women's Monodrama Festival - El Oued, Algeria - Jan 27-30, 2024 - Jury Prize Oxford Community Art Center - Oxford, OH - Feb 10, 2024

Flint Institute of Music - Virtual Performances for Schools & Seniors - Flint, MI - Feb 24 - March 4, 2024 Heindl Center for the Performing Arts - Senatobia, MS - Public Show, Mar 5 & School Show Mar 6, 2024 JCC of Metropolitan Detroit - West Bloomfield Township, MI - Mar 14, 2024 & Sensory Friendly Show Mar 15, 2024

International Monodrama Festival Carthage - Tunisia - Apr 27 - May 1, 2024

The International Festival of Monodrama - Kosovo - June 10-15, 2024 Hamilton Fringe - Hamilton, Ontario, Canada - July 17-28, 2024 (tbd)

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