

PRESS RELEASE

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Mary Dickson, author, joins The Space Between for opening of "Exposed"

The Space Between Theatre Company is putting the finishing touches on its upcoming production of Mary Dickson's play, "Exposed." Excitement is high because Mary Dickson, who has been enthusiastic and supportive of TSB's production, will join the audience and cast on the opening weekend, Thursday, September 10 through Saturday, September 12. In keeping with The Space Between's tradition of holding "talk-back" sessions, Mary will be on-hand after these three performances to discuss her intensely personal work.

You probably have seen Mary Dickson. In front of the television camera, she is the pleasant, on-air host of KUED's program, "Contact." Behind the scenes at KUED Channel 7, she is the Director of Creative Services. She is also a nationally-acclaimed, award-winning author, journalist, activist and playwright, with an impressive body of work to her credit.

Tackling tough topics is not new to Mary, and her work about nuclear testing and its impact on "downwinders" and their families resulted in writing "Exposed." Between 1951 and 1992, 928 nuclear detonations occurred in the southern Nevada desert, the primary location for U.S. nuclear weapons testing. For decades, there was official denial that the tests had caused any negative impact. But, this is just the beginning of the story.

For Mary Dickson, "Exposed" was much more personal than a research project on a complicated topic. Mary is a downwinder, one of thousands of people exposed to and made ill by the radioactive contamination known as fallout. Fallout was the cause of Mary's thyroid cancer and her sister's lupus. Mary survived; her sister did not. "Exposed" skillfully weaves together Mary's remarkable experiences and her impressive research to create a compelling, potent and poignant tale.

This multi-media play is directed by one of The Space Between's co-founders, Douglas Caputo, and features a strong local cast and experienced technical crew. "Exposed" premiered in 2007 in Salt Lake City to rave reviews, sold-out shows and national recognition. It was nominated in December 2007 by The American Theatre Critics Association for "The Steinberg Award for Best New Play Produced Outside New York" and was named "The Best Play of 2007" by *The Deseret Morning News*.

Dates September 10, 11, 12 (featuring Mary Dickson)
 September 17, 18, 19
 September 24, 25, 26

Time 7:30 pm

Location Green Valley Spa, Conference Center
 1871 West Canyon View Drive
 St. George, Utah 84770

Please note: There is no handicapped access to the Conference Center at the Green Valley Spa, and navigation of stairs is required

Tickets \$15 general admission
 Purchase tickets online at www.TSBTC.org
 or call the TSB Box Office at 435-216-5523

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