



Island City Stage Brings a Special Sneak Preview of *Dixie's Happy Hour* LIVE to the Museum of Discovery and Science's AutoNation® IMAX® Theater

Dixie Takes the Theater's Stage for Only Two Performances.

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (July 29, 2020) - In partnership with the [Museum of Discovery and Science](#) (MODS), [Island City Stage](#) is bringing *Dixie's Happy Hour* to the AutoNation® IMAX® Theater. This sneak preview of Dixie's latest stage adventure will take place live on September 8 and 9.

Dixie Longate is the drag persona of American actor, writer and comedian Kris Andersson, who has been performing the solo act *Dixie's Tupperware Party* in five different countries. The show has become one of the longest-running off-Broadway tours in history. Since the COVID-19 pandemic sidelined her current stage production (*Dixie's Never Wear a Tube Top While Riding a Mechanical Bull.*) She is back with a new show (*Dixie's Happy Hour*) sharing some smiles and stories about how her life has been carrying on through quarantine, home-schooling, craft making and a very full tumbler to keep her sane.

"Dixie's performance shows that laughter is the best medicine during this time," said Martin Childers, managing director of Island City Stage. "She tells outrageously funny tales and heart-rendering accounts, including audience participation, a little bit of empowerment and homespun wisdom."

"We're excited to feature this two-night sneak preview of *Dixie's Happy Hour* that explores diversity through mixology to the Fort Lauderdale community at the Museum of Discovery and Science's safe and clean theater," commented Joseph P. Cox, president and CEO of MODS. "Dixie's message of encouragement and kindness make her and the experience so special!"

The audience can expect to be delighted with hilarious stories, Southern charm, audience participation and uses for Tupperware that were never before thought possible! The show is geared toward adults with an approximate running time of 75 minutes. MODS requires all visitors over the age of two to wear masks or facial covering and ensures frequent and thorough deep sanitation of the theater using electrostatic cleaning equipment.

For tickets, please visit islandcitystage.org or call 954.928.9800. Tickets must be pre-purchased. The limited capacity 300-seat theater will be capped at 100 tickets per performance to ensure appropriate social distancing. In addition, the theater undergoes electrostatic sanitation prior to every show. This special sneak preview performance benefits the Island City State and the Museum of Discovery and Science. Sponsorship opportunities are available, ranging \$1,000-\$5,000. All sponsorship opportunities include priority seating and marketing opportunities. For more information, please visit islandcitystage.org.

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ABOUT ISLAND CITY STAGE:

Founded in 2012, Island City Stage has gained the reputation of being a multi-award winning professional theater that provides stellar performances for those in the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Wilton Manors/Oakland Park communities. The goal of the Theater is to create quality theatrical experiences that focus on the LGBTQ community, but have a heart and soul that is truly universal. The community is rich with history, with characters, with stories. And, at Island City Stage, it has found a place where a strong and vibrant voice is being given to those stories—ones of love and loss, of struggle and humor, of fear and courage. The Greater Fort Lauderdale LGBTQ community saw a need for a local, professional theater that explored all aspects of the LGBTQ experience — accurately, creatively and compassionately. And it was also important that the plays presented spoke to both LGBTQ individuals and heterosexuals. Plays that fostered interaction, understanding and acceptance of every individual's unique perspective.

The Theater specializes in developing new work in addition to featuring the works of playwrights who expose audiences to different voices and experiences. These works are brought to life on stage through the talents of professional artists, both union and non-union, whose credits include Broadway, Off Broadway, National Tours, major regional theatres, film and television. Island City Stage is a place where you will laugh and cry and cheer. It's a place to call our own—with plays to call our own. We look forward to seeing you when the curtain goes up! For more information, please visit islandcitystage.org.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE:

Founded in 1976 as the Discovery Center, today MODS is at the forefront of science education, innovation and exploration. The Museum's daily visiting hours are temporarily suspended. MODS is currently offering virtual and offsite programming, which allows us to continue connecting people around the globe to inspiring science - whether at home or in virtual classrooms. The Museum showcases more than 300 interactive exhibits, immersive films, experiential programs and an aviation-themed Makerspace. MODS currently offers virtual and offsite programs including boredom-busting experiences for children, families and adults - whether at home or in virtual classrooms. Families can enjoy super science shows and demonstrations, wild Creature Feature animal encounters, awesome avatar tours and private experiences, mind-blowing Makerspace labs, cool camps, unforgettable birthday parties,

engaging field trips and STEM curricula, professional development workshops for educators, distinguished speakers, and more. For additional information about the Museum, please visit mods.org.

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