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One Thirty Productions presents the perfect comedy for this political season

Red Hot Patriot

The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins

October 9-20, 2018

DALLAS- One Thirty Productions, in cooperation with the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, proudly announces the opening of “Red Hot Patriot: The Kick Ass Wit of Molly Ivins” by Margaret and Allison Engel, starring Metroplex favorite Marty Van Kleeck as the indomitable Molly Ivins. The production adds a new dimension to Dallas’ premiere matinee theatre company, which has expanded its season to include an October show to be produced in the black box theater at the Lochwood Branch Library.

The production, under the direction of One Thirty co-founder, Gene Raye Price, opens on October 9th and closes on October 20th with performances at 1:30 Tuesday through Saturday. The theatre company is excited about the expansion of its season and the opportunity to offer the best in live theatre to the community at large and the possibilities the Lochwood Branch library theatre space offers to explore new plays that are ideally suited to the space.

Often described as a modern-day Mark Twain, Molly Ivins’ observations on politics and politicians are funny as well as thought provoking and her contention that “politics is the finest form of free entertainment ever invented” provides a laugh-filled

afternoon and lots to chuckle about for days to come. The Texas born, Smith educated journalist had a career that began at the *Houston Cornicle* then moved to the Austin based liberal *Texas Observer* where she honed her political commentary known for its pungent prose and snappy patter. She spiced up her style with biting humor and words that added a little salt and chili to her prose. She was lured to the New York Times, when they decided to spice up their “good gray image.” She noted about her new prized position at the *Times* she was “miserable at five times her previous salary.” She returned to Texas where she jokingly aspired to work at every newspaper in the sovereign state. For a journalist who complained that she never made a wise career move, she became a published author of six books and a syndicated columnists read in over 300 papers across the country. She believed strongly in the power of using humor because people would not only listen but they would actually hear what she had to say. When speaking on her favorite subject, the Texas Legislature, she remarked, “Can you believe God gave me all this material for free.” She passed away in 2007 from a long battle with breast cancer. For years after her death political pundits continue to say of the political scene, “What would Molly Ivins say?”

The production staff includes Rodney Dobson as set designer, Stewart Mikklesen as Light Designer, and Marco Salinas as sound designer.

For reservations, group rates and additional information call the one theatre box office at (214) 532-1709. Ticket prices range from \$12-\$16 and reservations are strongly recommended.

This productions will be performed at the Lochwood Branch Library’s black box theater. The library is located at 11221 Lochwood Blvd, Dallas, TX 75218.

Please visit www.bathhousecultural.com for more information about the production and the cultural center.

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Location and hours: The Bath House Cultural Center is located on the eastern shore of White Rock Lake at the end of Northcliff Dr. off of Buckner Blvd. at **521 E. Lawther, Dallas, TX 75218**. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM. The center is open until 10:00 PM on nights with theatre performances. For general information about cultural programs at the Bath House Cultural Center, please call (214) 670-8749 or visit the center's website at <http://www.bathhousecultural.com/>

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