



THE  
**CREATIVE  
CALLING**

AN EVENING WITH  
HARRY LENNIX

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Welcoming the accomplished  
film, television and stage star in  
conversation with Susan V. Booth.

THEATRE  
**GOODMAN**

# **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**

The Peninsula Chicago

**5:30pm** · Cocktails

**6:30pm** · Dinner

**7:30pm** · Program

**8:10pm** · Live Auction

*Henry Godinez, Auctioneer*

**Proceeds benefit Goodman Theatre's  
Education and Engagement Programs**



## HARRY LENNIX

### Featured Guest

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A proud Chicagoan raised on the South Side, Harry Lennix is a distinguished film, television and stage actor and producer. For the past decade, he starred as “Harold Cooper” in NBC’s long-running hit series *The Blacklist*. Among his many film credits, he has portrayed fan-favorite characters in blockbusters *Man of Steel*; *Batman vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice*; *Justice League*; *The Matrix Reloaded*; and *The Matrix Revolutions*. In theater, Mr. Lennix made his Broadway debut in August Wilson’s Tony Award-nominated *Radio Golf*, and has appeared in Mr. Wilson’s *King Hedley II* (Mark Taper Forum) and *Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom* directed by Chuck Smith (Goodman Theatre). A graduate of Northwestern University, Mr. Lennix is creating the arts complex The Lillian Marcie Center and African American Museum of the Performing Arts (AAMP).

For information about the Lillian Marcie Center visit [LillianMarcie.org](http://LillianMarcie.org).



## **SUSAN V. BOOTH**

**Artistic Director, Goodman Theatre**

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Susan V. Booth is the first woman to lead Goodman Theatre in its 97-year history. Her appointment follows 21 years as Artistic Director of Atlanta's famed Alliance Theatre, where she doubled both the theater's annual operating budget and its endowment; earned national recognition for artistic excellence, including the Regional Tony Award (2007) and six world-premiere musicals that later opened on Broadway; completed a multi-year campaign to build a new mainstage theater and new rehearsal studios (opened in 2019); and was twice cited by the U.S. Department of Education as a national leader in literacy development for Education programming.

Ms. Booth's appointment is a Chicago homecoming for her, as she directed widely throughout the Chicago theater community, taught for both Northwestern and DePaul Universities and, as the Goodman's Director of New Play Development (1993–2001), shepherded new works from writers including Luis Alfaro, Rebecca Gilman, Wendy MacLeod and José Rivera.



## **JARED BELLOT**

### **Walter Director of Education and Engagement**

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Jared Bellot is a theater artist, facilitator and arts educator. Prior to his time at the Goodman, Mr. Bellot managed arts education programs at cultural institutions throughout Chicago—including Steppenwolf, where he developed programming that annually reached 20,000+ students and educators across Chicagoland. His work included oversight of Steppenwolf's collaborations with Chicago Public Schools, as well as the creation of City Connections, an initiative focused on generating equitable partnerships with community-based organizations that use the arts to empower young people. Before moving to Chicago, Bellot was a public school teacher in Fall River, MA.

As a freelance theater artist and educator, he has worked extensively with organizations throughout Chicago including Definition Theatre (where he serves as Associate Artistic Director), Timeline Theatre (Associate Artist) and Jackalope Theatre (Company Member), in addition to the Goodman, Steppenwolf, Victory Gardens, Northlight, Northwestern University, DePaul University, University of Chicago and 2<sup>nd</sup> Story.

Bellot holds an AB in Theatre Arts from Brown University and an Ed.M. from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

**LIVE  
AUCTION  
ITEMS**



## **PETE TOWNSHEND FROM "THE WHO" HAND SIGNED GUITAR**

**A custom *Tommy* Fender Stratocaster signed by Pete Townshend of The Who! On the frame of the guitar is the graphic design used for the Goodman's production of *The Who's Tommy*.**

**Value:** Priceless



## CHICAGO STAYCATION

**Enjoy the perfect getaway for two not far from home!** A two-night stay in a Michigan Avenue suite plus breakfast at The Peninsula Chicago on the Magnificent Mile. Enjoy a night out on the town with a four course dinner for two guests with Italian wine pairings at Coco Pazzo restaurant and two tickets to *A Christmas Carol* or a play of your choice at Goodman Theatre.

**Value:** \$3,408.

**Restrictions:** Hotel accommodations are valid until October 26, 2024. Valid any night of the week and based on availability. Not redeemable for cash or change. A lost certificate will not be replaced or refunded. Dinner valid through November 1, 2024. Server gratuity not included.





Jason Robert Brown



Taylor Mac



Rob Ashford



Tanya Birl

## COCKTAIL PARTY WITH THE ARTISTS OF *MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL*

**You won't want to be left off the list for this party!** Fifty (50) lucky people will have the opportunity to rub elbows with the creative team of the new musical, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, based on John Berendt's 1994 novel, in its world premiere at Goodman Theatre (Summer 2024). Creatives include Tony winner **Jason Robert Brown** (*Parade, Mr. Saturday Night, The Bridges of Madison County*), MacArthur "Genius" Grantee **Taylor Mac**, Tony winner **Rob Ashford** (*Cat On A Hot Tin Roof, Promises, Promises, Thoroughly Modern Millie*) and choreographer **Tanya Birl** (*Twelfth Night, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, On The Town*).

Enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the home of Susan and Bob Wislow on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. There are 50 tickets available for this special evening.

**Tickets are \$1,000.**

*At each table there are ticket bidding cards. Like a silent bid, the card will give you the opportunity to bid for as many tickets as you want. When the Auctioneer makes the call, raise your bidding card high and our special ticket takers will collect your card. The 50 winning bidders will be notified before the end of the Auction.*

**Value:** Priceless

**Donors:** Susan and Bob Wislow

**Restrictions:** Date subject to change based on artists' schedules.



## **DINNER FOR 10 WITH EMMY AWARD-WINNER DANA DELANY (CHINA BEACH, DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES)**

Enjoy an elegant private dining experience for 10 with special guest Dana Delany and a member of Goodman Theatre's artistic team on Monday, February 5, 2024, at Larkin Hall, the state-of-the-art home of Blue Plate, located in the vibrant Fulton Market District. Featuring passed hors d'oeuvres, three-course dinner and fine wine from Jim Horan's wine cellar. Menu designed by Blue Plate Executive Chef Charles Haracz. Dinner table decor provided by Vince Hart of VH Designs.

Your inner circle will hear from the Emmy award-winner actor about her upcoming production of *Highway Patrol* at Goodman Theatre and stories about her work on the television series *China Beach* and *Desperate Housewives*.

**Value:** Experience priceless. Dinner \$5,000.

**Donors:** Blue Plate, Dana Delany, VH Designs

**Restrictions:** The dinner on February 5, 2024, is for a total of 10 guests including Dana Delany and Goodman artistic member (all guests will need to test negative for Covid to attend the dinner). If the winning bidder has a conflict on February 5, a different date can be chosen as long as Blue Plate has it available. However, if this happens the dinner will NOT include Dana Delany and Goodman artistic team member. Valid through December 1, 2024. Valid Monday–Friday only. Must request a date a minimum of 4 weeks in advance. Date subject to availability. Staff, equipment and linens included. Gratuity is not included and is the responsibility of the winning bidder.

# PADDLE RAISE

**Your generosity tonight makes it possible for students to participate in the Goodman's Education and Engagement programs.**

**Proceeds from the paddle raise help provide:**

- One Chicago Public High School class the opportunity to attend a Goodman production as part of the School Matinee Series (\$5,000)
- One student the opportunity to participate in the PlayBuild Youth Intensive program (\$2,500)
- One early career professional the opportunity to participate in the Goodman's internship program (\$1,000)
- One young person the opportunity to participate in the Youth Playwrights Collective (\$500)

## **HOW IT WORKS:**

The auctioneer will call out funding levels of \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000 and \$500.

When you hear the amount that you wish to donate, simply raise your paddle until the auctioneer calls your number.

**REMEMBER, KEEP YOUR PADDLE RAISED UNTIL ALL PADDLE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN CALLED.**

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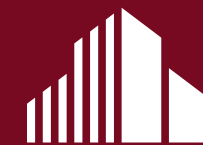
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