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**THEATER WORKS MASTERWORKS SERIES PREMIERES NEW PLAY BY  
LOCAL ACTOR CATHY DRESBACH**

(Peoria, AZ) Theater Works presents the premiere of 3 NO TRUMP, a new play by local actor Cathy Dresbach opening January 13, 2017. 3 NO TRUMP is a comedy about cards and enduring friendship. The Ladies of the Club have met every other Thursday to play cards, chat, eat, drink and laugh. Sometimes they cry, and then laugh some more. They seek the answers to life's great questions: What's the response to a 2-club opening bid? Why can't the Phoenix Suns make the playoffs? Who is the evil genius that invented pantyhose? And it all gets recorded in their collective journal - a true "herstory" now in its 8th volume. Told with humor and heart, 3 NO TRUMP is the story of ordinary women with an extraordinary devotion to each other and the game of Bridge. Any resemblance to persons living or dead is entirely intentional. A charming new play by one the Valley's leading theatrical talents! 3 NO TRUMP will be on stage in the Gyder Theater January 13 – 29, 2017.

Based on the journals of her mother's real life Bridge Club, local actor and playwright for 3 NO TRUMP Cathy Dresbach says, "As I read through the years of highs and lows, children and grandchildren, jobs, marriages, divorces, life and love, I knew I had to write a story about them. I think it's a good story. I hope you will too." 3 NO TRUMP made its first appearance in Theater Works' 2015 New Works Festival. Director Debra K. Stevens leads a talented cast to bring the real-life character to the stage. Susan Sindelar, Jodie Weiss, Kimberly Phelps, Kandyce Hughes and Marylou Stephens each portray one of the Ladies of the Club. Producing Artistic Director Chris Hamby says, "We are honored by Cathy's willingness to bring such a meaningful and personal story to life on our stage - a story that will resonate with so many people."

3 NO TRUMP will be on the Gyder Theater at the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts (8355 West Peoria Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85345) January 13 - 29, 2017. Single tickets are \$38; discounts for seniors, students, and groups. Flex passes are also available. To purchase tickets or find out more about Theater Works productions, contact the Box Office at (623) 815-7930 or visit [www.theaterworks.org](http://www.theaterworks.org).

Theater Works at the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts is entering its 31<sup>st</sup> season of providing exceptional theater to the West Valley. Theater Works is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to **provide opportunities for children, patrons and artists to experience theater that inspires, enriches and enlightens through the experience of the performing arts.** Theater Works acts as the managing tenant for the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts which features more than 200 events a year including: live theater, classical concerts, jazz, popular music, dance, comedy, cultural events, festivals, youth and adult education classes and much more. For more information, call 623.815.7930 or visit [www.theaterworks.org](http://www.theaterworks.org).

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