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WOOLLY MAMMOTH THEATRE COMPANY DEBUTS NEW FUNDRAISING PARTY: THE SENSATIONAL WINTER BALL

**EVENT RAISES FUNDS FOR WOOLLY MAMMOTH WHILE HONORING THE LEGACY OF
HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AS DEPICTED IN *THE
SENSATIONAL SEA MINK-ETTES***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company’s is debuting a new fundraising party: *The Sensational Winter Ball*. This lively bash pairs with the high-energy and joy of *The Sensational Sea Mink-ettes* by honoring the legacy of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) — all while guests party down with music and dancing, enjoy distinctly Woolly performances, and get a unique look at the theatre. The ball will raise critical funds for the non-profit theatre's operations, including its artistic, connectivity, and new work programs—as well as the barrier-breaking [Miranda Family Fellowships](#).

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour and backstage tours, followed by performances and brief remarks. The party continues with tapas-style dinner stations, music, and dancing.

The ball will take place at **Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company** on Thursday, February 29 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please visit the [Woolly Mammoth website](#).

The evening's presentation will be hosted by emcee Drew Anderson (of Spit Dat in Residence, one of Woolly's Connectivity Core Partners), with music by **DJ Diyanna Monet** and performances by **members of the cast of *The Sensational Sea Mink-ettes*** and **The Experience Band & Show**. The world premiere of *The Sensational Sea Mink-ettes* opens at Woolly on February 4 and is a celebration of HBCU culture. Among the attendees will be Connectivity Core Partners, such as members of Black in Space, and members of Woolly Mammoth's Company of Artists.

"What better way to celebrate all things Woolly than with a big party!" Artistic Director Maria Manuela Goyanes said. "The ball will be spectacular fun, but also allow guests to see even more about what makes us Woolly. The show itself is sensational, and these exclusive performances and behind-the-scenes peeks will give our guests something special. Plus, who doesn't love a fun night to let loose?"

"Woolly is home to courageous, groundbreaking theatre, and we want to deepen our impact for future generations," Managing Director Kimberly Douglas said. "Our patrons' support, through attending fundraising events like this ball, helps us continue to produce innovative new work, nurture new talent, build collaborations, and celebrate our community in Washington, D.C. and beyond. Raising these funds is critical, and it's a joy to be able to do so by showcasing some of the HBCU experience seen in *The Sensational Sea Mink-ettes* with this big, exuberant party."

The Sensational Winter Ball is sponsored by Morgan Stanley.

Hosted by Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company's External Relations Committee.

THE SENSATIONAL WINTER BALL

Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024

Doors open: 6:30 PM

Duration: 7:00 PM – 11 PM

Dress code: Business Attire with a flair of Sensationally Chic

Ticket link: <https://event.woollymammoth.net/winterball>

Tickets are \$300 per person, with VIP options available.

For sponsorship information or other inquiries, contact events@woollymammoth.net.

ABOUT WOOLLY MAMMOTH THEATRE COMPANY

The Tony Award®-winning Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company creates badass theatre that highlights the stunning, challenging, and tremendous complexity of our world. For over 40 years, Woolly has maintained a high standard of artistic rigor while simultaneously daring to take risks, innovate, and push beyond perceived boundaries. One of the few remaining theatres in the country to maintain a company of artists, Woolly serves an essential research and development role within the American theatre. Plays premiered here have gone on to productions at hundreds of theatres all over the world and have had lasting impacts on the field. Currently co-led by Artistic Director Maria Manuela Goyanes and Managing Director Kimberly E. Douglas, Woolly is located in Washington, DC, equidistant from the Capitol and the White House. This unique location influences Woolly's investment in actively working towards an equitable, participatory, and creative democracy.

Woolly Mammoth stands upon occupied, unceded territory: the ancestral homeland of the Nacotchtank whose descendants belong to the Piscataway peoples. Furthermore, the foundation of this city, and most of the original buildings in Washington, DC, were funded by the sale of enslaved people of African descent and built by their hands.

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