

# STEPPENWOLF 50 GALA 2026

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026, AT ROCKWELL ON THE RIVER

## CELEBRATE WITH US!

Steppenwolf Theatre's 50th anniversary celebration continues at the 2026 Gala on Saturday, May 9. Join us for this luxe, modern and futuristic night at Rockwell on the River. You won't want to miss this reimagined event as we kick off the next 50 years of incredible theatre.

Featuring special guests alongside members of the Steppenwolf Ensemble, the evening generates vital funding to provide an artistic home for our ensemble, bring bold and innovative theatrical experiences to the stage and create educational programs reaching thousands of teens throughout the Chicago region.

### CO-CHAIRS

Aimee Graham and Nigel Caine, Christopher Keogh, Verett Mims

### TITLE SPONSOR - \$100,000

- Invitation for 16 to a private VIP reception with Steppenwolf Ensemble immediately prior to the Gala
- Lead recognition
- Program speaking opportunity
- Premier seating during the program

### FOUNDING SPONSOR - \$50,000

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- Logo recognition on Gala materials, including invitation, program book, press releases, promotional emails and Steppenwolf website
- Verbal recognition during the program
- Premier seating during the program

### INNOVATOR SPONSOR - \$25,000

- Invitations for 10 guests to the Gala
- Logo recognition on Gala invitation, program book and Steppenwolf website
- Priority seating during the program

### VISIONARY SPONSOR - \$15,000

- Invitation for eight guests to the Gala
- Text recognition on Gala invitation, program book and Steppenwolf website

### ENSEMBLE TICKET - \$1,500

- Individual ticket to the Gala
- Recognition in Gala program book



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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## WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1976 by actors Jeff Perry, Terry Kinney and Gary Sinise, Steppenwolf Theatre Company is one of the nation's premier cultural institutions known for its world-renowned ensemble of actors, directors and playwrights. Groundbreaking productions from *Balm in Gilead* and *August: Osage County* to *Purpose* and *Little Bear Ridge Road* – and accolades that include the National Medal of Arts and 14 Tony® Awards – have made the theater legendary. Deeply rooted in its ensemble ethos, the company is committed to equity, diversity, inclusion and making the Steppenwolf experience accessible to all.



## MISSION

Steppenwolf Theatre Company strives to create thrilling, courageous and provocative art in a thoughtful and inclusive environment. We succeed when we disrupt your routine with experiences that spark curiosity, empathy and joy. We invite you to join our ensemble as we navigate, together, our complex world.



## EMPOWERING TEENS

Reaching over 15,000 teens, educators, early-career professionals and community members from across Chicago's 77 neighborhoods annually, Steppenwolf Education and Engagement consists of student matinees, in-school residencies, teen programs, professional development for classroom teachers and teaching artist and community engagement efforts.



## PRODUCING BOLD WORK

Steppenwolf highlights our world-class ensemble of actors, directors and playwrights through electrifying and emotionally resonant performances. Our rich history of developing and producing new plays underscores our commitment to cultivating ongoing creative relationships with some of the most compelling and innovative writers for the theater today.

## UPLIFTING LOCAL ARTISTS

LookOut, our multi-genre performance series, gives a platform to local emerging artists, quintessential itinerant Chicago companies and young aspiring ensembles. Providing space and resources to storefront theater companies, performance artists, dancers, musicians, puppeteers, comedians, drag artists, storytellers and poets, LookOut is an invaluable program that fosters the creative ecosystem of Chicago.

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- Program speaking opportunity
- Premier seating during the program and reserved lounge seating for 16 guests

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- Verbal recognition during the program
- Premier seating during the program for all guests

### INNOVATOR SPONSOR - \$25,000

- Invitations for 10 guests to the Gala
- Logo recognition on Gala invitation, program book and Steppenwolf website
- Priority seating during the program for all guests
- Photo opportunity with an ensemble member

### VISIONARY SPONSOR - \$15,000

- Invitation for eight guests to the Gala
- Text recognition on Gala invitation, program book and Steppenwolf website

### ENSEMBLE TICKET \$1,500

- Individual ticket to the Gala
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I/we are unable to attend but want to celebrate with a gift of \$

## FORM OF PAYMENT

Please invoice

Enclosed is a check made payable to Steppenwolf Theatre Company

Call me for my credit card information

Please respond by March 2, 2026 for inclusion in the Gala invitation.

Please respond by April 15, 2026 for inclusion in the Gala program book.

All proceeds will benefit Steppenwolf Theatre Company. Outright contributions to Steppenwolf Theatre Company are fully tax-deductible.

All donations are tax-deductible less \$350 per reservation used.

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## DETAILS

Name of person committing to purchase

Address (no PO Boxes please)

Email

City

State ZIP

Title (if applicable)

Daytime telephone

Company Name (if applicable)

All benefactors may receive recognition in the Gala Program. Would you like recognition in the program book? Yes No

Name of person to whom invitations and ticket information should be sent

If yes, please list your name or company as you would like it to appear.

Email (if different from above)

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