



LEADING THE CONVERSATION.

Are you looking for something more interesting to do with your friends than a typical night at the bar? Do the people you know want to engage more with politics, current events and world affairs?

One of the best moments surrounding seeing a play is the lively conversation that inevitably follows when what you've experienced ignites a strong reaction. TimeLine dreams of sparking those kinds of conversations after every performance, and with *Guantanamo: Honor Bound to Defend Freedom*, we've got a production that is sure to generate plenty of friendly debate after the show. The *Village Voice* called it "a conversation we should be having, nationally, about issues, principles, human rights and human lives."

So, we had an idea ... what if individual audience members planned a social night out that focused the inevitable discussion more? Similar to a book club, you can create a casual evening that includes a forum for exploring and responding to the themes of the play. We'd call it a play discussion group, but that's too stuffy for what we want it be.

This is an opportunity for you and your friends to heighten your theatre-going experience. Pick a day to see the show (may we suggest days when we're already featuring a post-show discussion - see "Tip" below). Decide on a place to head to afterward (let us know if you'd love to have a member of the cast and/or production team join you). Someone should prepare a few ways to get the conversation started (we can help with that). And then dive in. Who knows, it could be one of the most dynamic conversations you'll have with your friends this year.

If this all sounds like a lot of work, don't worry! We have a few tips to get you started, in five easy steps:

STEP 1: INVITE EVERYONE.

TimeLine can accommodate discussion parties of between two (we recommend two as a minimum!) and our capacity of 80 people.

STEP 2: PICK THE PERFORMANCE YOU WANT & PURCHASE TICKETS.

To purchase tickets, call our Box Office at (773) 281-TIME (8463) or order online at www.timelinetheatre.com.

If your group is 10 or more, email groupsales@timelinetheatre.com to check availability and reserve tickets. The advantage of a group sale is the price – 20 percent off the regular ticket price of \$25 or student price of \$15. We'll ask for a deposit of 25 percent of your total order to confirm the reservation, with final payment due one week prior.

And if you are a TimeLine subscriber, don't forget your "Bring-A-Friend" perk; you can purchase additional tickets at \$20 each.

In all cases, seats are subject to availability, so don't wait too long!

○ TIP — Look out for our free post-show discussions with members of the cast, production team, and often, special guest experts. These begin just a few minutes after the show and last about 1/2-hour. *Guantanamo* discussions are scheduled every Thursday beginning 2/16 and on Sundays 2/19 and 3/12.

STEP 3: DECIDE WHERE TO MEET AFTER THE SHOW.

TimeLine is located in the vibrant Lake View East neighborhood (615 W. Wellington Ave., at Broadway) and there are numerous bars and restaurants nearby. We can provide suggestions. And we aren't kidding about sending a cast or production team member to join you – ask, and we'll try!

STEP 4: PREPARE ... AT LEAST A LITTLE.

TimeLine's productions are inspired by history and connect with today's social and political issues. We're committed to providing opportunities for our audience to learn more about the context and themes of our plays. Check out our historical lobby display, a production guide (with handy discussion questions we invite you to poach!) and the brand-new TimeLine Blog, all accessible via our Web site. Tell the folks in your group about these resources – they can study (or not) as much as they like in advance. We'd suggest that someone be prepared to lead the discussion, at least to get it started.

STEP 5: TELL US HOW IT GOES.

We appreciate the feedback we get from our audience, so after your night at the theatre, we'd LOVE to hear how it goes! Drop us a line at info@timelinetheatre.com to describe your experience and provide praise, suggestions, whatever! And if you and your friends happen to come up with a great name for this activity (as in, better than "play discussion group"), we're all ears.