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A CONVERSATION WITH EDITH HEAD is based on EDITH HEAD'S HOLLYWOOD by Edith Head & Paddy Calistro. Classen is a "perfect fit," because not only does she bear a striking resemblance to Edith Head, but she shares the same love for clothes and fashion. Much of the dialogue in A CONVERSATION WITH EDITH HEAD comes directly from the famed designer. Paddy Calistro acquired more than thirteen hours of recollections recorded by Edith Head, which she and Susan Claassen painstakingly reviewed to gather the remarkable "Edithisms" - as Edith Head referred to her own sayings - that abound in the show. In addition, Claassen and Calistro collected insights from Hollywood insiders who knew Ms. Head best: costume designer Bob Mackie, who once worked as Ms. Head's sketch artist; her dear friend Edie Wasserman, wife of the late Universal Studio head Lew Wasserman; and Art Linkletter, award-winning host of "House Party", the daytime television show of the 1950s that brought Edith Head into the homes of America.

#### VIDEO: <a href="https://youtu.be/ljNggxHjvn0">https://youtu.be/ljNggxHjvn0</a>

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Library. It premiered at the Invisible Theatre in Tucson, Arizona and has played coast to coast with more than 375 performances. The production has toured internationally to Tbilisi in the Republic of Georgia; a "Sold Out" engagement at the 2007 Edinburgh Festival Fringe (out of the 2,000 shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, only 200 were officially designated "Sold Out" engagements) and an acclaimed five-week run at the Leicester Square Theatre in London.

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