ON stage August 18 - September 1

Silent Sky tells the story of unsung astronomer Henrietta Swan Leavitt, whose discoveries at Harvard Observatory in the 1890s opened the galaxies above.

Henrietta maps the night sky by studying photographic plates. Despite her lowly position and limited access to scientific equipment, Henrietta makes an amazing discovery.

Silent Sky is based on the life of Leavitt and the other "human computers," as they were called, at Harvard Observatory. Leavitt, a Radcliffe graduate, joins a
dedicated group of women, including fellow astronomers Annie Cannon and Williamina Fleming, who work at the observatory charting the stars.

Meet these pioneering women of astronomy as they explore their place in society at a time when their ideas were dismissed, or at least until men claimed credit for them. Social progress, like scientific progress, can be hard to see when one is trapped among earthly complications. Henrietta Leavitt and her female peers believe in both, and their dedication to scientific discoveries changed the way we understand both the heavens and Earth.

"shines with an inner light of emotional honesty" - Chicago Tribune

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Henrietta Swan Leavitt  Annie Cannon  Williamina Fleming

Renderings and fabric swatches by Costume Designer Kärin Simonson Kopischke. The costume shop has been busy building each dress for the play.
Neil Brookshire, Ashley Laynon, Carmen Roman and Penny Slusher.

Directed by Elizabeth Margolius

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