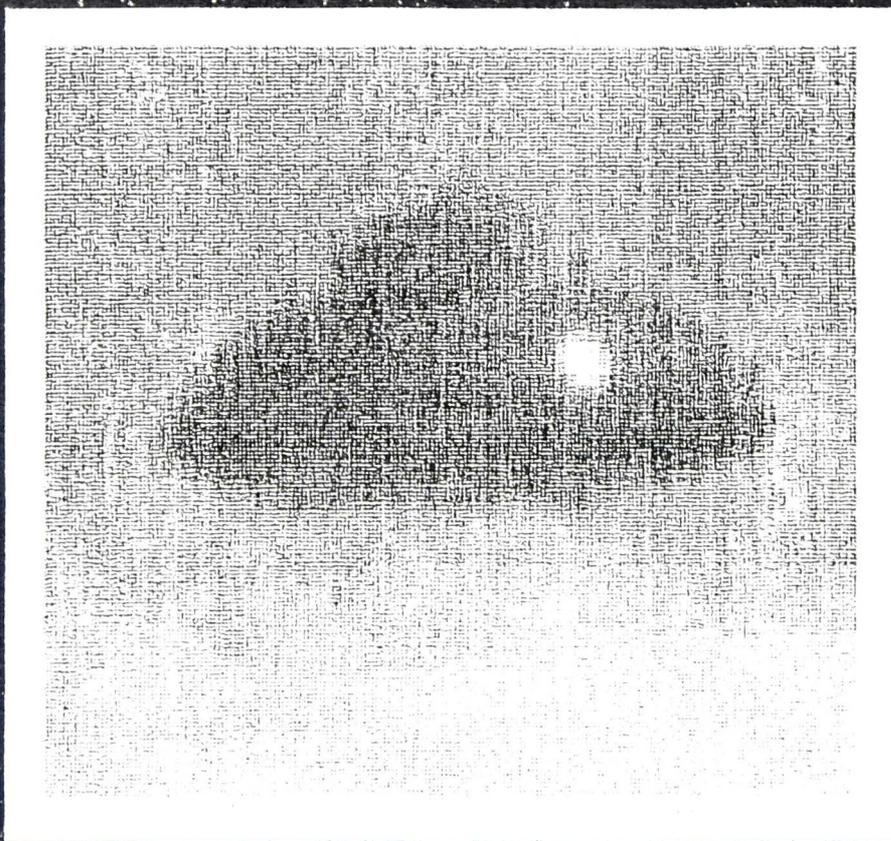


ANNE BOGART & THE SITI COMPANY PRESENT  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH SCOTT GRIFFIN

# WAR OF THE WORLDS



2000

RADIO PLAY BY HOWARD KOCH  
BASED ON THE NOVEL BY HG WELLS

DIRECTED BY ANNE BOGART & DARRON L WEST

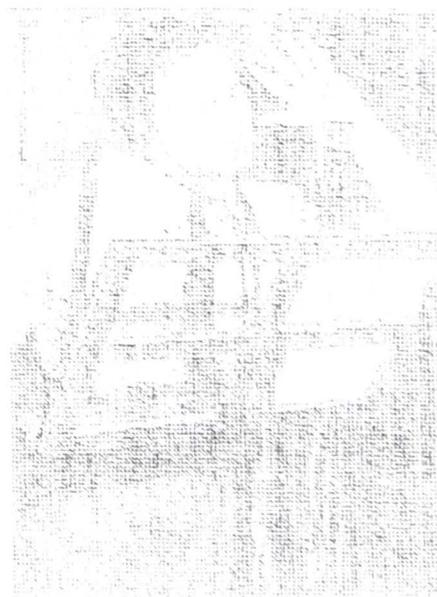
ORIGINALLY BROADCAST ON OCTOBER 30, 1938  
BY THE CBS MERCURY THEATER ON THE AIR  
STARRING ORSON WELLES

**O**n the foggy fall evening of October 30, 1938, America went to war with Mars!! Adapted for radio by Howard Koch and starring Orson Welles, WAR OF THE WORLDS was presented as a Halloween thriller, or as Welles' put it: "The Mercury Theatre's own radio version of dressing up in a sheet and jumping out of a bush and saying 'boo!!' " But, for those who tuned in late, "normal" programming appeared to be interrupted with the startling news that there were, "explosions occurring on Planet Mars!" Reports followed stating that a "huge, flaming object" had fallen to earth on a farm near Grover's Mill, New Jersey. More landings were soon reported and an anxious radio audience came to the frightening conclusion the Earth was the target of a full scale invasion by aliens!!

WAR OF THE WORLDS is the program which terrified a nation. Thousands fled their homes in panic. In New York City, swarms of curious and frighten citizens crowded the streets to catch a glimpse of a "real space battle." In the town of Grover's Mill, the local water tower was pumped full of buckshot as frightened believers fired at what they thought was a "giant Martian war machine." The true power of broadcast made itself known on this Halloween eve in 1938, and no one has forgotten the chilling fear and awesome force of this, radio's single most famous broadcast.

Now, 63 years after the original broadcast, this radio classic comes to life as performed by the SITI Company. This special staged version of the H. G. Wells/Howard Koch/Orson Welles/Mercury Theater on the Air WAR OF THE WORLDS is part of the SITI Company's investigation into the life and work of the genius Orson Welles, for our upcoming production, also entitled WAR OF THE WORLDS, about this extraordinary American artist written by Namoi Iizuka. Stay tuned for the premiere in 2000 at The Humana Festival of New American Plays .

We hope that you will enjoy this evening as much as we have enjoyed the preparation of it for you.



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## FEATURING

Akiko Aizawa  
J.Ed Araiza  
Shawn Fagan  
Jeffrey Frace  
Susan Hightower  
Barney O'Hanlon  
Stephen Webber

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Howard Koch

## DIRECTED BY

Anne Bogart & Darron L West

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Darron L West

## LIGHTING BY

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## STAGE MANAGER

Megan Wanlass

## PRODUCED BY

Scott Griffin

& The SITI Company

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