

Travel with our intrepid heroine from North Africa to the Persian Gulf (aka the frying pan into the fire) as she shares life in Dubai c. 1990 in an unusual blend of storytelling and stand up. From Middle East hotel to green golf courses in the sand; from demented shipping magnate to "Desert Storm."

"DINNER IN DUBAI"

Written and performed by Bernadette Nason

Directed by

Michael Stuart

Bernadette Nason was last seen as "Bertha" in BOEING BOEING! and before that in a one-woman version of A Christmas Carol, both at Austin Playhouse where she is a company member. Other favorite productions include: Melancholy Play, The Cherry Orchard, Shirley Valentine, Blithe Spirit, The Rivals, The Winter's Tale, The Underpants, The Merry Wives of Windsor, and Twelfth Night. She has received multiple nominations (four for the prequel to this show, TEA IN TRIPOLI) and awards including the 2007 Austin Critics' Table Special Citation, "The John Bustin Award for Conspicuous Versatility." By day, she is a professional touring storyteller, performing throughout the US at schools, libraries, conferences and festivals; she has appeared at the National Storytelling Festival's Exchange Place in Jonesborough, TN. For further details, check out www.bernadettenason.com.

Michael Stuart has directed over 30 shows in Austin for ONSTAGE Theatre, The Company, Violet Crown Players, Austin Playhouse, and others. His collaboration with Bernadette Nason began 16 years ago with Educating Rita at the State Theatre, ONSTAGE's first show. Since then, he has directed her many times, including her award-winning turn as "Shirley Valentine" in Shirley Valentine. As an actor, he was last seen as "Harry Brock" in Born Yesterday at Austin Playhouse where he is a company member and where he's appeared in many other shows including: Dead Presidents' Club, A Funny Things Happened on the Way to the Forum, Frost/Nixon, and The 39 Steps.

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