

“IT CAN’T HAPPEN HERE - AGAIN”

An Invitation To Stand Against

The Nomination That Could Destroy Democracy

From

WRITERS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION

A Play

An Homage

A Nationwide Gathering

A Call to Action

In the 1930s, fascism was sweeping through Europe and Asia. In 1936 it was America’s turn. FDR’s New Deal was generating savage push back. Would he be re-elected? Would American democracy survive?

On October 27 of that year, one week before the election, those questions were raised by a coast-to-coast production of a play that premiered simultaneously on 21 stages in 17 states. “It Can’t Happen Here” by Sinclair Lewis was seen that night by thousands of Americans who heard its warning of a coming dictatorship, when “parade grounds become encampments.”

On July 18, 2024, at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Donald Trump will accept his party's third consecutive nomination to be their candidate for President of the United States.

On July 19, 2024, Writers for Democratic Action will pay homage to “It Can’t Happen Here” by repeating its coast-to-coast warning of a coming dictatorship with a newly written one-act stage presentation, “It Can’t Happen Here – Again!” Our play dramatizes the stakes of the 2024 election by reminding us of the threats of 1936. We warmly invite you to join us.

“It Can’t Happen Here – Again!” can be performed in theaters - but also in book stores, schools, libraries, bars, churches, parks, living rooms and any other space where Americans are still free to gather. “It Can’t Happen Here - Again!” will sound the alarm loud and clear, providing Americans with a way to respond (in person and online) to the catastrophe that just occurred at the Republican National Convention. On that one night in July, legions of citizens from all across the nation can come together to say “Yes To Democracy!”

To preserve our democracy, we must win the election in November. Voting is the burning issue and this event will fan that flame.

Please join us! Help us create national solidarity against the rise of American fascism by presenting your own version of our easily mounted five-player script on Friday July 19, 2024. Do it in your local bookstore or place of worship or community center or school or town square or backyard. Do it wherever you can gather folks together to entertain, move, and motivate. Do it to remember the America we want to live in!

Days after Sinclair Lewis's "It Can't Happen Here" was mounted simultaneously across the nation in 1936, Franklin D. Roosevelt was overwhelmingly re-elected. Democracy in the United States was rescued. In 2024, it must be rescued again. Join us!

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