

LISTEN NOW: Hit audio drama, AROUND THE SUN, launches starry second season, featuring new episodes with social impact

Voice acting ensemble brings together Adassa, Caroline Aaron, Mindy Cohn, Brad Forenza, Richard Kind, Richard Kline, Jennie Kwan, Piper Laurie, Taylor Purdee, and Bruce Vilanch... all playing desert nomads yearning to connect



*Season 2:
Desert People*

An episodic audio drama exploring human connections, made and missed

BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF PRESENTS "AROUND THE SUN" AN EPISODIC AUDIO DRAMA CREATED BY BRAD FORENZA
SEASON 2: DESERT PEOPLE STARRING CAROLINE AARON ADASSA MINDY COHN RICHARD KIND
RICHARD KLINE JENNIE KWAN PIPIER LAURIE TAYLOR PURDEE BRUCE VILANCH AND BRAD FORENZA
CO-PRODUCER SUZANNE ORDAS CURRY SOUND DESIGN AND THEME MUSIC SHANE CURRY AMBIENT MUSIC SHANE BORDEAU



New York City, New York Oct 25, 2022 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - *Around the Sun*, the episodic audio drama featuring award-winning talent from stage and screen launches its second season on **Wednesday, 10/26/22**. New episodes drop weekly throughout the calendar year.

Created by **Brad Forenza**, *Around the Sun* is presented via the **Broadway Podcast Network**. The scripted series is comprised of engaging, self-contained episodes, averaging 10 minutes each, brought to life by popular talent from stage and screen. When consumed together, they weave a story of human connections, made and missed.

"Season 2 takes place in the desert, a nice counterpoint to season 1's urban flare," explained series creator **Brad Forenza**. "This year, cast members are integrated throughout the season, so audiences can hear more of the voices they love. Most of the actors are mixed-and-matched among characters, genres, and acting partners, so season 2 really embodies an ensemble approach to the work."

Opening the season, by way of welcoming listeners to the desert through a real estate transaction, is prolific recording artist, **Adassa** (who also voices Cousin Dolores in Disney's Oscar- and Golden Globe-nominated smash, *Encanto*). "Working with Brad Forenza was such a fun experience. His vision and unique point of view on this project were igniting on so many levels," mused the 2022 American Music Award nominee. "In *Around the Sun*, I was able to engage in a real-life situation with all the enthusiasm and drama that plagues so many of us on a daily basis," Adassa concluded.

Voicing the potential homeowner, a desert transplant from NYC is Tony-nominated actor **Richard Kind**. "I had such a fun time recording this. The writing is so good, and the characters are so clearly drawn," said Kind, whose other voice work includes memorable roles in Pixar's *Cars*, *A Bug's Life*, *Toy Story 3*, and *Inside Out*. "I recorded two scenes that bookend the entire series. But I'm so looking forward to hearing what comes in between. Especially with this fantastic cast," noted Kind.

What "comes in between" is an eclectic mix of talent, bringing a seemingly defunct part of the desert to rich, dramatic life, episode by episode. The ensemble of "desert people" includes SAG Award Winner **Caroline Aaron** (*The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *Edward Scissorhands*), Emmy Nominee **Mindy Cohn** (*The Facts of Life*, *Scooby Doo*), TV Icon **Richard Kline** (*Three's Company*, *Blue Bloods*), celebrated voice actor **Jennie Kwan** (*California Dreams*, *Avatar: The Last Air Bender*), Filmmaker/singer-songwriter **Taylor Purdee** (*Killian and the Comeback Kids*), and Two-time Emmy Winner **Bruce Vilanch** (*Get Bruce*, *Hollywood Squares*). Listen throughout the season, as a new crop of characters struggles to confront The American Dream, unrequited love, identity, regret, and even a few alien invasions (aliens, as portrayed by Three-time Oscar Nominee **Piper Laurie** [*The Hustler*, *Carrie*, *Children of a Lesser God*] and series creator, **Brad Forenza**, that is).

Around the Sun is the **Best Version of Yourself** production, created by **Brad Forenza**, co-produced by **Suzanne Ordas Curry**, and presented via the **Broadway Podcast Network**. It is available for listening wherever you listen to podcasts. Season 2 will launch new episodes throughout the fall. **Continue the #AroundTheSunPodcast conversation via the show's creator (fb: @BVOYLLC; IG @BradForenza; Twitter: @BradForenza) and [Around the Sun's compendium website](#).**

ABOUT SEASON 1:

Season 1 of *Around the Sun* was produced during the earlier days of the pandemic, and features the prolific talents of **David Alan Basche** (*The Exes*), **Joanna Bonaro** (*Good 'n Screwed*), **Dolores Catania** (*Real Housewives of New Jersey*), **François Clemmons** (*Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*), **Lilli**

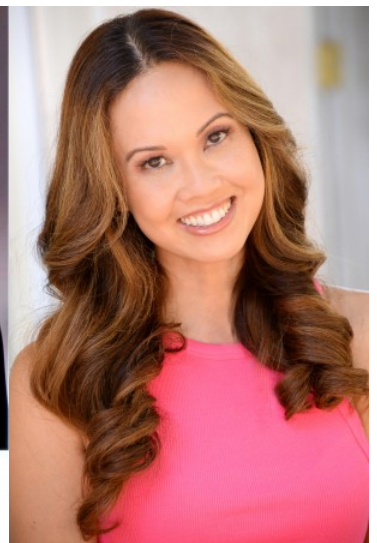
Cooper (*Spring Awakening*), **Veanne Cox** (*Cinderella*), **David LaRosa** (*Clandestine*), **Marsha Mason** (*The Goodbye Girl*), **Christine Nagy** (106.7 Lite FM), **Vincent Pastore** (*The Sopranos*), **Austin Pendleton** (*What's Up, Doc?*), **Alysia Reiner** (*Orange is the New Black*), **Sally Struthers** (*All in the Family*), **Maureen Van Zandt** (*The Sopranos*), **BD Wong** (*Jurassic Park*), **Ryan Wotherspoon** (*Fogg*), and series creator **Brad Forenza** (*A Case of Blue*)... all playing New Yorkers, yearning to connect.

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