

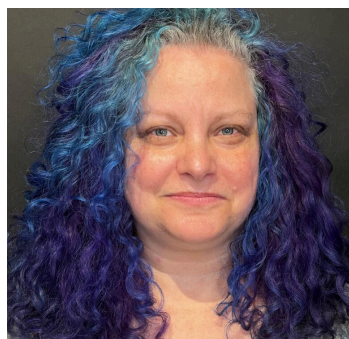


MIRROR STAGE REFLECT ON 25 YEARS IN THE FINAL EPISODE OF RIPPLE EFFECT: POSITIVE CHANGE AROUND THE SOUND

*Featuring Suzanne M. Cohen, Managing Artistic Director of Mirror Stage
on June 24, 2026*

FEDERAL WAY, WA (June 24, 2026) – **Mirror Stage** announces the release of the final episode of ***Ripple Effect: Positive Change Around the Sound***, a podcast illuminating the intersection of storytelling and social change. This episode brings the Mirror Stage podcast full circle with Managing Artistic Director Suzanne M. Cohen reflecting back over leading the company for the past 25 years. Although the company is ceasing active programming and operations as of July 1, 2026, Mirror Stage continues to believe the power of storytelling holds the key to bringing people together in imagining and embodying a better future. Episode 15 of *Ripple Effect* is available now on mirrorstage.org, [Spotify](https://open.spotify.com/), and all other major podcast platforms.

"It's hard for me to believe that it's been 25 years," Cohen said. "I'm proud that we were able to continually reinvent ourselves and that we were able to adapt our programming to meet a variety of challenges and to still be focused on the important issues, contemporary issues that impacted our community."



EPISODE #15: SUZANNE M. COHEN

With more than 30 years of nonprofit arts experience, Mirror Stage Managing Artistic Director Suzanne M. Cohen (she/her) has performed, directed, designed, and administrated at theatre companies across the country, as well as internationally, including local Seattle companies 14/48, ACT, Empty Space, InfinityBox, Intiman, and The Group Theatre. She earned a BA in Humanities/ Drama with a Creative Writing minor from University of Southern California, a Master of Not-for-Profit Leadership from Seattle University, and an MA in Cultural Studies from University of Washington Bothell.

FOR EDITORS/PRODUCERS:

ABOUT THE PODCAST

Presented by Mirror Stage, *Ripple Effect: Positive Change Around the Sound* amplifies the stories of local change-makers whose positive impact ripples across Puget Sound. Each episode features a local change-maker working to build a better, more inclusive community—telling their story in their own words. ***Ripple Effect*** explores how the actions of a single individual ripple outward, shaping collective understanding. Every episode invites listeners to find out what brings our guests to this moment today, what drives and inspires them, and how to get involved.

ABOUT MIRROR STAGE

Originally founded in 1991, Mirror Stage is a nonprofit multidisciplinary arts company that believes the power of story and art holds the key to bringing people together in imagining and embodying a better future. We challenge assumptions, bias and prejudice, increasing equity and inclusion while encouraging more thoughtful reflection on today's issues. Mirror Stage nurtures unique voices, centering those who have been most oppressed by society's inequitable systems and structures. Mirror Stage gets people talking, as well as thinking. [Learn more about the history of Mirror Stage.](#)

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