

**"Powerful, evocative, compelling theater."**

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Bobby Marchessault & cast members of "Company" - 2019

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**"Fine performances make for absorbing theater."** — Good Times

**Jan 10 - Feb 9, 2020**

## 8 TENS @ 8 SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL

"A" Night + "B" Night

Celebrating its 25th year, the annual 10-minute play festival is one of the most anticipated and popular events of the theatre season in Santa Cruz! Sixteen award-winning short plays from our annual international playwriting contest are performed and directed by some of the best the Santa Cruz theatre community has to offer. The Festival presents 8 short plays on "A" Night, and 8 different plays on "B" Night, running in repertoire.

"Brilliantly staged – challenges your concept of what a 10-minute play can be." — Good Times

**May 1 - 17, 2020**

## CLYBOURNE PARK

By Bruce Norris | Directed by Marcus Cato

At the heart of this 2011 Pulitzer Prize-Tony Award winning play is a house. In 1959, following a family tragedy, a white couple sells their home to an African-American family – much to the consternation of their Clybourne Park neighbors in the all-white district. In Act Two we fast forward to 2009. Clybourne Park is now an African-American neighborhood and the same house is being sold to a white, upper-middle class couple. These two racially charged transactions explore our country's history of racism, segregation, and gentrification. This engaging and surprising satire raises questions about identity, entitlement, and the inner and outer boundaries of what makes a neighborhood. Loosely based on Lorraine Hansberry's play, *A Raisin in the Sun*.

"Hilarious, sparky, delightfully unrepentant observations about life as we choose to know it." — *Newsday*

**Sept 25 - Oct 11, 2020**

## SWEAT

By Lynn Nottage | Directed by Bill Peters

Winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, *Sweat* is based on Nottage's research and interviews with residents of one of the poorest cities in the country, Reading, PA. The play tells the story of a group of friends who have spent their lives sharing drinks, secrets, and laughs while working together on the factory floor. When layoffs and picket lines begin to chip away at their trust, the friends find themselves pitted against each other in a fight to stay afloat.

"I can't think of any recent play that tells us so much, and so vividly, about the state of the union." — *The Guardian*



Kristin Brownstone & Jerry Lloyd in "Looking For Normal" - 2019

Photography & Design by Jana Marcus

## Join Us in 2020!

Enjoy all of our 2020 productions with a discounted ticket subscription – as well as lively post-show discussions and opening night receptions with the actors!

### 4 - SHOW SEASON SUBSCRIPTION

A season subscription **saves you up to \$18** off the single ticket price! **Includes:**

- "A" Night of your choice for the 8 Tens @ 8 Festival
- "B" Night of your choice for the 8 Tens @ 8 Festival
- *Clybourne Park*
- *Sweat*

**\$110 General | \$100 Senior/Student**

### 8 TENS FESTIVAL 2-NIGHT PACKAGE

The 8 Tens package **saves you up to \$6** on the single ticket price. **Includes:**

- "A" and "B" nights of your choice for the 8 Tens @ 8

**\$58 General | \$54 Senior/Student**

### SINGLE TICKET PRICES

All shows

**\$32 General | \$29 Senior/Student**

\* Please note all seating is open and unreserved, so come early!



## Help Actors' Theatre Celebrate 25 Years of The 8 Tens @ 8 Short Play Festival with Your Donation!

The 8 Tens @ 8 Festival is now the longest running and most well-respected Short Play Festival in the United States!

### Your donation helps in many ways . . .

- to keep ticket prices affordable
- to support artistic development, such as the expansion of our season to include two award-winning full length plays
- to compensate local artists and technicians
- to showcase playwrights both locally and from around the world

As we enter our next 25 years we ask you to **become a supporter of Actors' Theatre**. As a supporter, you will insure that new plays and the best of contemporary theater has a home in Santa Cruz.

### Explore the many benefits of being a supporter.

- Invitation to opening night receptions and meet the artists
- Option to buy tickets before the general public
- Reserved seating to performance of choice
- Complimentary tickets
- Option to buy tickets before the general public
- Invitation to opening night receptions and meet the cast

Won't you make a donation of \$50? That's \$1 for each of our first 25 years and for the next 25 years!

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