

## ACTORS' THEATRE IS BACK!

With a Full Season in 2022

Actors' Theatre is back in 2022 with a full season of compelling theatre and new works by emerging playwrights.

With your health and well being as our focus, we welcome you back to the theatre, newly renovated with a HEPA air filtration system that circulates clean air every 7 minutes.

We have all had a rough two years, and Actors' Theatre is proud to bring you an outstanding 2022 line-up thanks, in part, to your donations. You can continue to support the company and our upcoming season by:

- **Buying a season subscription**
- **Giving a tax-deductible donation** (see reverse side)

We are so thankful for your loyal patronage and can't wait to entertain you in the new year!

### Covid-19 Awareness at the Theater

Bringing back live theatre includes some important new rules to be aware of:

- Take comfort in our brand new HVAC system with HEPA filtration that meets CDC guidelines and circulates fresh air every 7 minutes.
- All Actors' Theatre staff and performers are fully vaccinated.
- Proof of vaccination is required of all attendees to be admitted inside the theater. Or, proof of a negative covid-19 test within 3 days of a performance.
- Masks are required at all times.
- The theater will be sanitized after every performance.
- Hand sanitizer and masks will be available in the theater lobby.

**“Powerful, evocative, compelling theater.”** – Santa Cruz Sentinel

Jan 14 - Feb 6, 2022

### 8 TENS @ 8 SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL “A” Night + “B” Night

Celebrating its 26th year, the annual 10-minute play festival is one of the most anticipated and popular events of the theatre season in Santa Cruz! Eighteen 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 9 short plays on “A” Night, and 9 different plays on “B” Night, running in repertoire.

May 6 - 22, 2022

### MILKCRATE MONOLOGUES

By Ron Johnson

Directed by Andrew Ceglio & Ron Johnson

The *MilkCrate Monologues* creatively explores a fusion of Hiphop and theatre. It is lyrical reflections on life, hopes, dreams, failures, and triumphs – all told through the medium of Hiphop and rap. Hiphop Theatre is a mechanism to deliver Hiphop culture through its own traditions while exploring the narratives and messages that can be delivered through the art form.

The ensemble cast of actors and Hiphop emcees perform compelling lyrics and storytelling, all to the beat of life. *MilkCrate Monologues* has no music or instrumentals, yet it has a rhythm and seeks to influence and challenge the perceptions of your mind. The show speaks not only to Hiphop devotees who thirst for realism but also to those new to the genre who are curious as to what this “Hiphop thing” is all about.

June & July 2022

### SUMMER SLAM of WORLD PREMIERES

World Premieres performed in an engaging staged workshop, featuring special talkbacks with the authors following the performance. DONATION ADMISSION.

JUNE 25 & 26 GHOSTLIGHT

Book by Chandler Patton | Music by Steven Schmidt

This uniquely profound new musical follows Leah, who's about to close the curtain on her lifelong pursuit of musical theatre after a string of terrible auditions. Then she gets the call that a production needs two actors to step in and rehearse with Broadway megastars Dylan and Patrick, who are reprising their original roles in a staged reading of Leah's favorite musical, to be livestreamed on network television. The line between reality and theatricality blurs in this real play about a fake musical, which explores why some feel compelled to turn their pain into poetry.

JULY 23 & 24 SIDE EFFECTS MAY VARY

Book by Gregory Freedman | Music by Nicholas Ceglio

In this off-beat sci-fi comedy, Stephan, a depressed rock musician in his 40s, has hit a low point in his life and career. As he laments to his therapist about the poor choices of one specific night that he wishes he could change, she prescribes to him a new medication: time travel therapy. Allowing him to return to his past for 48 hours, Stephan goes back to that fateful night to try and right the wrongs of his life.

Nov 4 - 20, 2022

### THE TRAIN DRIVER

By Athol Fugard | Directed by Wilma Marcus Chandler

Roelf, a South African train driver, has spent weeks searching for the identities of a mother and child he unintentionally killed with his train. After a fruitless journey through shanty towns, he encounters an old gravedigger named Simon who helps the desperate man unburden his conscience. Based on a true story, *The Train Driver* is a soulful exploration of guilt, suffering, and the powerful bonds that grow between strangers.

Dec 2 - 18, 2022

### THIS WONDERFUL LIFE

By Steve Murray | Directed by Andrew Ceglio

One actor inhabits every role in this hilariously touching stage adaptation of Frank Capra's iconic holiday film *It's a Wonderful Life*. George Bailey, Clarence, Mr. Potter, and all the beloved characters come to life as a single actor creates a heartwarming story about the effect one hardworking man's life has on the people around him.

### PLAYWRIGHT'S ARENA

Four Readings Throughout 2022

You are invited to take part in the development process of new plays! Actors' Theatre will be accepting full length play submissions of new works from local playwrights in the Monterey Bay Area. Plays will be selected for a live reading offered free to the public four times a year. Following each live reading there will be a 20-minute talkback session with the playwright and actors. DONATION ADMISSION.

Check our website for more information. 2022 dates will be:

Mon. March 7 @ 7pm, Mon. June 6 @ 7pm

Mon. August 1 @ 7pm, Mon. December 5 @ 7pm



# Great Theatre Starts With You!

Become a supporting member of Actors' Theatre and help to ensure the future of the 8 Tens Festival and our full length season. Your support will help us maintain our level of professionalism, artistic development, a Covid-safe environment, and the ability to keep ticket prices affordable. As a member, you will be making an impact!

## Two ways to give!

- Please visit [www.santacruzactorstheatre.org](http://www.santacruzactorstheatre.org) to make a tax-deductible donation via **Paypal**.
- Detach and **mail** the below section to Actors' Theatre  
P.O. Box 7084, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

Please see our website for donor benefits. If you are interested in making a gift above \$2000 or would like to learn about the marketing advantages of becoming a sponsor, please contact Sandy Bieser at 831-431-6237

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## Join Us in 2022!

Enjoy all of our 2022 productions with a discounted ticket subscription – including lively post-show discussions and opening night receptions with the actors.

### SEASON SUBSCRIPTION

A season subscription **saves you \$15** 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
- MilkCrate Monologues
- The Train Driver
- This Wonderful Life

**\$175 General | \$160 Senior/Student**

### 8 TENS FESTIVAL 2-NIGHT PACKAGE

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

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

**\$70 General | \$65 Senior/Student**

### SINGLE TICKET PRICES

All shows  
**\$38 General | \$35 Senior/Student**

*\* Please note all seating is now reserved with your ticket purchase!*

Due to the ever-changing situation with the COVID-19 virus, please check our website, or the box office, before attending a performance.

*Safety first for everyone!*

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