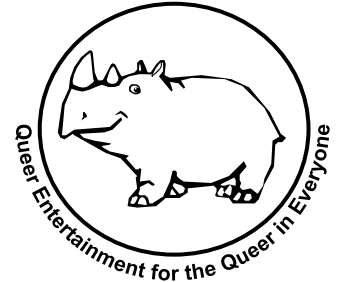


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## **THEATRE RHINOCEROS**

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In association with

**Theatre Q**

Present a staged reading of

## **Hot Summer Night**

An irreverent comedy

By

**Jerry Metzker**

**February 2, 2010**

**Venue:** Eureka Theatre

215 Jackson Street (between Front and Battery)

San Francisco, CA 94111

**One Presentation Only:** Monday, February 22, 2010, 7:00 PM

**A generous donation will be accepted at the door.**

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Theatre Rhinoceros and Grooviness Productions invites you to attend a reading of *Hot Summer Night*, Jerry Metzker's impertinent and queerified adaptation of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with a gleeful salute to Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's *Into the Woods* and a brazen nod to the Brothers Grimm, DC Comics, *The Wizard of Oz*, Homer, Christianity, cross-dressing, leather dykes and gender-blind casting.

The play embellishes the complications of Shakespeare's four lovers, as well as the political intrigue between Theseus and Hippolyta. Meanwhile, a dedicated and amateurish acting company, "The Boys in the Band" players, pursues a quest to produce with an all-male cast of six, a Sondheim musical perfect for a Summertime Festival. Everyone ends up in the mysterious, magical and busy woods of Athens where the feuding fairy queen and king have taken up temporary residence and a host of wanderers further complicates matters. Charles Ludlum and Charles Busch fans welcome.

Directed by Laura Lundy-Paine, Artistic Director of Virago Theatre, *Hot Summer Night* features a cast of 11 reading over 30 roles. Cast members include Ryan Drummond\*, Elias Escobedo\*,

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Michaela Greeley, Lol Levy\*, Laura Lowry\*, George McCrae\*, Dennis McIntyre and Shannon Nicholson. (\* indicates actor is a member of Actor's Equity, the union of stage actors and stage managers.)

**Jerry Metzker** is a Bay Area playwright, dramaturg and theater writer. His play, *His Heart Belongs to Me* received its premier at Theatre Rhinoceros in 2008. Other plays include "Broken Toys," "Where Did the Sun Go?" and "Killer." *Hot Summer Night* was awarded an honorable mention by the Playwrights Foundation. He was integral in the formation of Theatre Bay Area's Playwrights Showcase and is currently a member of the Artists Development Lab, in residence at the Z Space Studio.

**Theatre Rhinoceros** (John Fisher, Executive Director), America's longest running professional LGBT theatre, develops and produces works of theatre that enlighten, enrich, and explore both the ordinary and extraordinary aspects of our queer community.