



## **A Benefit for The Rhino on our 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Performed by Sandra Schlechter

Directed by Rica Anderson

Honorary Producers: Tom Horn, Ira Kurlander

Graphic design: Christine U'Ren

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023 @ 7:00pm**

*One Performance Only*

*Reception to follow with food, drink and raffles included with admission*

\* For the safety of our performers, we strongly encourage audience members to remain masked during the reading. We appreciate your understanding. \*

### **CAST & CREATIVE TEAM BIOS:**

**RICA ANDERSON** (Director) is delighted to be working with Theatre Rhinoceros. For the past nineteen years, she has produced the free monthly series Actors Reading Writers at the Berkeley City Club, and regularly directs readings. She has performed with Bay Area companies Central Works, Shotgun Players, and TheatreFIRST, among others. At her day job, Rica works as Cal Performances' Education and Community Programs Manager. Thanks to John Fisher and Theatre Rhinoceros for making this event possible, and much gratitude and love to Sandra Schlechter for sharing her extraordinary talents and her remarkable friendship for all these years.

**SANDRA SCHLECHTER** (Actor) has performed in the Bay Area for the past forty years. Credits include: Central Works, S.F. Playhouse, TheatreFIRST, Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, 42nd Street Moon, Theatre Rhinoceros, and the late, great Valencia Rose. She is proud to have worked with Theatre Rhinoceros in the long-running A.I.D.S. Show (original cast, touring company). Sandra frequently appears with Actors Reading Writers in Berkeley, reading and performing short stories. Boundless thanks to the incomparable Rica Anderson and to John Fisher for celebrating Truman Capote. In loving memory of Robert Coffman who performed this story for twenty years at Rhino's original home.

**ISAAC TRAISTER** (Technician) has stage managed many shows with Theatre Rhinoceros, including *A Guide for the Homesick*, *Bad Hombres*, *How Black Mothers Say I Love You*, *At the Wake of a Dead Drag Queen*, *The Normal Heart*, *Transitions*, *DareBnB* and *Sister Act*. He has also stage managed several shows at City College of San Francisco and assistant stage-managed *Violet* and *Gypsy* with Bay Area Musicals. Isaac has worked backstage with various companies throughout the Bay Area.

**THEATRE RHINOCEROS** - Founded in 1977, The Rhino is the longest running LGBT theatre in the nation. We develop and produce works of theatre that enlighten, enrich, and explore both the ordinary and the extraordinary aspects of our queer community. Our emphasis is on new works, works about under-represented members of the larger queer community, and revivals of lesser known queer classics. Over the years Theatre Rhinoceros has received many awards of recognition including: Theatre Rhinoceros Day in the City Proclamation from Mayor Gavin Newsom, State Assembly Certificate of Recognition from Senator Mark Leno, recognitions from Congressperson Nancy Pelosi and Assembly Persons Tom Ammiano and Carole Migden, numerous Cable Car, BATCC and TBA Awards and Nominations, and the GLAAD Media Award for Best LGBT Theatre.

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