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Theatre Rhinoceros & the Transbay Joint Powers Authority present

OTHELLO

Queer Shakespeare in the park that moves you, and moves with you

September 26-28, 2025

September 5, 2025, San Francisco - Theatre Rhinoceros' free-roaming Shakespeare-in-the-park tradition continues this fall with the tragedy *OTHELLO*, performed at the beautiful TJPA's Salesforce Park in the heart of San Francisco.

When skilled, ambitious general Othello (portrayed by Emmy-winner Dedrick Weathersby), chooses others in love and war, his jealous ensign Iago (portrayed by GLAAD Media Award-winner John Fisher) will stop at nothing to bring destruction to all. As per Rhino tradition, this version of *OTHELLO* examines contemporary complications of gender and queer sexuality through a classical lens - the favoritism, masculine posturing, insecurity, and love between members of this troubled Venetian army are elevated past brotherly, into the realm of sexual attraction, anxiety, and confusion. Attendees will experience harrowing and iconic scenes throughout the park amidst downtown SF skyscrapers, lush gardens, and the unique, church-like architecture of the transit center's Great Hall.

OTHELLO is adapted and directed by John Fisher and performed by an ensemble cast of Bay Area actors at Theatre Rhinoceros, the longest-running LGBTQ+ theatre in the world. This production is made possible by funding from TJPA and The East Cut, and the donors and supporters of Theatre Rhinoceros.

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About TJPA's Salesforce Park - Seventy feet above the Grand Hall, Salesforce Park runs the entire length of the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center, which is owned and operated by the TJPA. The TJPA is a historic collaboration between San Francisco Bay Area government and transportation agencies that manages the daily operations of the Transit Center and Park. Nearly four blocks long and home to 600 trees and 16,000 plants arranged in 13 different botanical feature areas, the rooftop park is an iconic garden oasis that is open daily and offers free public activities. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this public park, consisting of a living roof with a curved half-mile walking trail and benches surrounding grassy lawns, dancing fountains, a children's play area, and an amphitheater.

Calendar Editors

What: ***Othello*, free at TJPA's Salesforce Park**

When: Friday, September 26 at 6:30 PM
Saturday, September 27 at 6:30 PM
Sunday, September 28 at 4:00 PM
Show begins at the Amphitheater and adjacent lawn.

Where: TJPA's Salesforce Park, 425 Mission St, San Francisco 94105

Tickets: Free, but please RSVP

Info / Res: <https://www.therhino.org> and
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The Artists

John Fisher (Director, "Iago") enjoyed an eight-month run of his show *A History of World War II* at The Marsh, after playing two successful runs of the show in Manhattan (United Solo Festival/Theatre Row – Best Actor Award - and Pangea Performance Venue) and another in Los Angeles (The Broadwater). He is a two-time winner of the Will Glickman Playwright Award, as well as being a recipient of the GLAAD Media Award, the Theatre Bay Area Award, two Cable Car Awards, The Bay Guardian Goldie Award, the BackStage West Garland Award, and ten Critics' Circle Awards. His plays include the award-winning *Action Hero, Shakespeare Goes to War, To Sleep and Dream, Combat!*, and *Medea, The Musical*, recently performed in a successful run Off-Broadway in NYC. He has numerous Off and Off-Off Broadway credits and recently performed his solo-show *Little League* at Grant's Tomb in Manhattan.

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