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Theatre Rhinoceros presents
Season 2023-2024 – Alive and Well in the Castro!

August 8, 2023, San Francisco – Theatre Rhinoceros, GLAAD Media Award winner and longest-running LGBTQIA+ theatre anywhere, will present six mainstage productions this season ranging from brand new plays to Rhino favorites to theatre classics. Join us for another season of romance and excitement in the most famous queer neighborhood anywhere, San Francisco's Castro.

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Calendar Editors

- What: **THEATRE RHINOCEROS 2023-24 SEASON**
- When: September 2023 – June 2024
- Where: Theatre Rhinoceros, 4229 18th St., San Francisco, CA 94114
Castro Street MUNI Station; F Market, 33 Stanyan, 24 Divisadero
Streetcar and Bus Lines
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Theatre Rhinoceros is pleased to announce our 2023-24 Season – our 47th as the longest-running LGBTQIA+ theatre in the universe. Our new season will be presented entirely in our home in the Castro, 4229 18th St in San Francisco.

This season we are ALIVE AND WELL IN THE CASTRO enjoying our status as the only legitimate theatre in the greatest queer neighborhood anywhere. We have six offerings for you – four provocative, funny plays set in the here and now, and two queered-up classics. We begin with *Group Therapy* by local playwright and Lambda Literary Award finalist Kheven LaGrone (*The Legend of Pink, Pillow Talk*), a scintillating new comedy, then move on to our holiday classic Truman Capote's *A Christmas Memory*, performed by the incomparable Sandra Schlechter. In the new year we usher in John Fisher's new epic *Billy*, which is based on the Melville queer classic, then the world premiere of Roger Q. Mason's (*Lavender Men*) subversively immersive, Prohibition-era period piece *The Pride of Lions*. Rounding out the season lineup, we have our

annual queer take on a Shakespeare masterpiece *All's Well that End Well*. Subscribers are also welcome to partake of all our readings, pop-ups, and E.S.P.s for free.

Please peruse the list of entertaining theatrical events we have lined up for you and please subscribe. You are our family and we're always so happy to see you at all our shows. If you could help us out with a donation that would be wonderful indeed. As you know, it is an on-going challenge for theatre companies in the City by the Bay. Only you can keep us here, queer, and in The Castro.

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The Season

Welcome to Season 2023-24 – Alive and Well in the Castro!

Climb back on board for a thrill-packed ride of adventure, laughs, and drama. One low price for six nights of theatre, and the usual free access to all our other events and surprises. Ensure your ring side seat for the most exciting shows at the longest running (and sexiest) LGBTQIA+ theatre in the universe.

OVERLOOKED LATINAS

The Return of a Rhino Favorite

Written and Performed by Tina D'Elia

Directed by Mary Guzmán

September 21 - October 1, 2023

Butch dyke Angel thinks she's having one of the best days of her life. Enter the femme fatale who creates chaos with Angel's wife and Angel's life.

Opening/Press Night: 9/22/23

GROUP THERAPY

A World Premiere Comedy

By Kheven LaGrone

Directed by Tanika Baptiste

November 9 - December 3, 2023

A group of aging African Americans are on the verge of turning 40. They revisit their motivations, heal themselves, and reconnect with their new lives.

Opening/Press Night: 11/11/23

A CHRISTMAS MEMORY

Our Holiday Favorite

By Truman Capote

Performed by Sandra Schlechter

Directed by Rica Anderson

December 13, 2023 @ 700pm

A little boy and his relative embark on a holiday adventure, learning about themselves, the world, and their deep love for one another.

Opening/Press Night: 12/13/23

BILLY

A World Premiere

Written and Directed by John Fisher

February 1 – 18, 2024

It's been fifteen years since the Colonel has gone behind enemy lines. The *Special Forces* are back in action in this modern adaptation of a gay classic.

Opening/Press Night: 2/3/24

THE PRIDE OF LIONS

A World Premiere

By Roger Q. Mason

Directed by Ely Sonny Orquiza

March 28 – April 21, 2024

In 1928, five female impersonators were imprisoned for indecency after performing in Mae West's *The Pleasure Man*. This is what happened on their first night in jail.

Opening/Press Night: 3/31/23

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

By William Shakespeare

Adapted and Directed by John Fisher

May 24 – June 2, 2024

Helena is off to the wars. She's in love with the vapid Bertram and pursued by the wicked Parolles. Fortunately, she's a doctor who always knows the cure.

Opening/Press Night: 5/24/23

Theatre Rhinoceros was founded in 1977 and is the longest running LGBTQ+ 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.