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La Jolla Playhouse advances theatre as an art form and as a vital social, moral and political platform by providing unfettered creative opportunities for the leading artists of today and tomorrow. With our youthful spirit and eclectic, artist-driven approach, we will continue to cultivate a local and national following with an insatiable appetite for audacious and diverse work. In the future, San Diego's La Jolla Playhouse will be considered singularly indispensable to the worldwide theatre landscape, as we become a permanent safe harbor for the unsafe and surprising. The day will come when it will be essential to enter the La Jolla Playhouse village in order to get a glimpse of what is about to happen in American theatre.



La Jolla Playhouse has received the highest rating from Charity Navigator, the nation's premier charity evaluator.



A MESSAGE FROM THE **ARTISTIC DIRECTOR**

All art is personal. Whatever the medium, whatever the style - comedic or tragic, fantastical or realistic – artists create work from a deeply individual point of view to grapple with and better understand

themselves and the society in which they live. When you see a play, you are granted special insight into the world of its author.

A show like Hundred Days, however, ups the ante. With startling and breathtaking emotional honesty, Abigail and Shaun Bengson relate the story of how their separate trajectories brought them together, and how that breathless feeling of attachment can lead to exhilaration about what has been created, and terror at what can be taken away. Sharing this profoundly personal story requires a great deal of vulnerability – especially since they perform it themselves.

The Bengsons are not alone, however. They're joined onstage by a supremely talented group of fellow musicians and actors, and their intimate story is brought to theatrical life by the dynamic directorial hand of Anne Kauffman. (Happily, Anne will also return to the Playhouse later this year to stage the world-premiere play The Year to Come by Lindsey Ferrentino.)

Through beautiful songs both exultant and mournful, the Bengsons deliver a universally resonant message: our time on earth is finite, but our capacity to love is not. Hundred Days reminds us that by squandering the former, we risk losing the latter.

CHRISTOPHER ASHLEY

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Saturday, October 13 at 1:15 pm Wednesday, October 17 at 6:45 pm

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Participate in a lively discussion with Hundred Days performers and Playhouse staff members immediately following these performances.

Tuesday, October 2 after the 7:30 pm performance Tuesday, October 9 after the 7:30 pm performance

DISCOVERY SUNDAY

Join special guest speakers post-performance as they engage audience members in a moderated discussion exploring the themes in the play.

Sunday, October 21 after the 2:00 pm performance

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On select performances, La Jolla Playhouse provides American deaf or hard-of-hearing and audio description for patrons who are

Saturday, October 6 at 2:00 pm

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By special arrangement with Erica Rotstein, Seaview Productions, Z Space and New York Theatre Workshop.

Originally developed and produced by Z Space, Lisa Steindler, Artistic Director, and piece by piece productions/Wendy vanden Heuvel.

Further developed and produced Off-Broadway by New York Theatre Workshop on December 4, 2017, Jim Nicola, Artistic Director, Jeremy Blocker, Managing Director.

The premiere of Hundred Days was developed and produced in partnership with San Francisco's Encore Theater Company, Co-Artistic Director, James Faerron Additional development of *Hundred Days* was done at Know Theatre of Cincinnati.

THE CAST

(in alphabetical order)

| Performer (Drums/Percussion) | Ashley Baier |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Performer (Cello) | El Beh |
| Performer (Vocals, Guitar, Floor Tom) | Abigail Bengson |
| Performer (Vocals, Guitar, Keys) | Shaun Bengson |
| Performer/Abigail Understudy (Vocals, Accordion/Guitar) | Barrie Lobo McLain |
| Performer (Vocals, Keys) | Reggie D. White |
| Understudies Lindsey A | ugusta Mercer, Luke Wygodny |

Hundred Days will be performed without an intermission.

ADDITIONAL STAFF/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

| Associate Director | Caitlin Sullivan |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Hair/Make-up Designer | Tony Lauro |
| Production Assistant | |

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PATRON SERVICES

ACCESSIBILITY







La Jolla Playhouse provides wheelchair-accessible seating and parking. Wheelchair seat locations are available for wheelchair users and a companion at all performances; be sure to advise the reservationist that you require a wheelchair location. Additionally, a golf cart is available to assist patrons with accessibility needs to and from the parking lot. Please notify Patron Services prior to your performance if you are in need of this service; additionally, you may pull into the ten minute parking area, and a La Jolla Playhouse greeter will assist you. The Playhouse also provides assisted listening devices for patrons who are hard of hearing. Devices are available, free of charge, at the Patron Services desk prior to performances (subject to availability).

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CHILDREN under the age of 6 are not permitted in the theatre during performances unless otherwise posted. Unaccompanied minors ages 12 and under are not permitted in the theatre. Out of respect for fellow audience members and the performers, babes in arms are not permitted in the theatre during performances.

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James' Place provides bar and concessions at each theatre lobby or courtyard. The restaurant (James' Place) is open Tuesday - Friday 4:00 pm until 8:30 pm and Saturday - Sunday 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Please call (858) 638-7778 for reservations or visit jamesplacesd.com.

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Should you arrive late for any performance or need to leave your seat during the performance, you may be asked to wait in the lobby until an appropriate moment. To minimize any disturbance to actors or other patrons, you may stand or be seated in the first available location by House Management even if not your assigned location. Please be advised that some performances may not allow for late seating or return to your assigned seat.

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PATRON SERVICES is located in the lobby or courtyard of each theatre. A volunteer is available to distribute assisted listening devices and answer questions.

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La Jolla Playhouse is constantly working with UC San Diego Police Department and Transportation and Parking Services to maintain a safe and secure environment in the parking lots. Patrons are welcome to use the UC San Diego escort service by contacting UC San Diego Community Service Officers (CSOs) at (858) 534-9255 (WALK). Further questions regarding security, please contact UC San Diego Police at (858) 534-4357 (HELP).

THEATRE TOURS

Tour the stages and production shops of the Playhouse facilities and learn more about the history of La Jolla Playhouse and the role that it plays in the community. Contact (858) 550-1070 x101.

THE **COMPANY**



ASHLEY BAIER, Performer

La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. National Tour: How the Grinch Stole Christmas!. Off-Broadway: Interstate, Attack of the Elvis Impersonators. Off-Off Broadway: In the Heights, The Drowsy Chaperone, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Sweeney Todd, Hello Again. Performance Highlights: PitchBlak

Brass Band, Pharoahe Monch, John Hodgman's Secret Society, VÉRITÉ, The Songwriter's Orchestra, Patriot Brass Ensemble, Kermit the Frog. Education: M.M.: Mannes School of Music; B.M.: University of Maryland. ashleybaier.com



EL BEH, Performer

La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. Regional credits include: 24-Decade History of Popular Music with Taylor Mac (St. Ann's Warehouse, The Curran); Baker's Wife in Into the Woods and Mash in Stupid F**king Bird (San Francisco Playhouse); Lily's Revenge (Magic Theatre); All Roles in

Hamlet (roulette); Wang Min in Caught, Emily in Our Town, Robert in Black Rider (Shotgun Players); Regan in King Lear (California Shakespeare Theatre). Company member of Shotgun Players, detour dance and Mugwumpin. Co-host of Drag Spectacular Spectacular. Named 2017 KQED Bay Brilliant Artist. Upcoming: Mary Poppins in Mary Poppins (San Francisco Playhouse).



THE BENGSONS, Performers/Book/Music & Lyrics have appeared at such venues as Joe's Pub (NYC), MASS MoCA (North Adams, MA) and the Market Theater (Johannesburg, South Africa). Their music has been featured on So You Think You Can Dance (FOX) and in The Lucky Ones (Ars Nova); Anything That

Gives Off Light (National Theatre of Scotland/The Team); Sundown, Yellow Moon (Ars Nova/WP); Hurricane Diane (Two River Theatre); you'll still call me by name (New York Live Arts, Jacob's Pillow) and Iphigenia in Aulis (Classic Stage Company). They have been nominated for the Drama Desk, Drama League and Lucille Lortel awards. Abigail Nessen Bengson has toured as a member of tUnEyArDs, including an appearance on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon.



BARRIE LOBO McLAIN, Performer/Abigail Understudy is a NYC-based performing artist and creator. Theatre credits include The Bengsons' Hundred Days (NYTW), Sleep No More (NYC), Kansas City Choir Boy with Courtney Love (HERE NYC, ART Boston, CTG LA, Arsht Miami), This Clement World (St. Ann's Warehouse). Musical

collaborations with Sherie Rene Scott, Andrew Rannells, Julie Klausner, Jo Lampert, Grace McLean, Todd Almond and Liz Swados. Composer for Ars Nova's recent production of Folk Wandering; currently recording an original solo album. B.F.A.: NYU Tisch. barriemclain.com



LINDSEY AUGUSTA MERCER, Understudy La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. Regional: As You Like It, One Man, Two Guvnors (Cincinnati Shakespeare Company); Hundred Days, The Darkest Night at Gnarly Stump (Know Theatre of Cincinnati); [title of show] (The Incline

Theatre); The Little Dog Laughed, Bloody Bloody

Andrew Jackson (Beck Center for the Arts). Founder of the Queen City Queer Theatre Collective. Training: Lincoln Center Directors Lab Alumni, B.A. from Baldwin Wallace University. Mercer is an interdisciplinary theatre artist based out of New York City. Primarily a director, she also works as an actor and musician, and is currently the resident videographer/editor at Signature Theatre Off-Broadway.



REGGIE D. WHITE, Performer

La Jolla Playhouse: The Last Tiger in Haiti. Off-Broadway: Hundred Days, I & You, For the Last Time. International: Flood in the Valley (China). Regional: The Bluest Eye (Arden Theatre), And She Would Stand Like This (The Movement Theatre Company), Frontieres Sans Frontieres (Bushwick

Starr), The Last Tiger in Haiti and Party People (Berkeley Rep). Film & TV: Gotham, Blindspot, The Parent 'Hood, Buzzer, Medias Res, Stranger in Blood. Training: Atlantic Theater School, Cal State Hayward. Mr. White is a Company Member of The Williams Project – a living wage theatre company - and a recipient of the TCG Fox Fellowship. www.reggiedwhite.net



LUKE WYGODNY, Understudy

La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. As an actor he has toured the country in Broadway musicals Once, American Idiot and Soul Doctor. Originated the role of Jumping Jack the Acrobat in The Disappearing Man at St. Louis Rep. As a singer/songwriter: (Water & Rye) a collection of

songs recorded at The Great North Sound Society in Maine, mixed & produced by Sam Kassirer. Luke & Marina Pires (The Heartstrings Project) recently finished up the new single "The Line" at UI Sound Studios in Boulder, CO with members of the folk band Elephant Revival. Lukewygodny.com for music, updates & tour stops!

SARAH GANCHER, Book

Ms. Gancher's writing has been seen on such stages as London's National Theatre, Edinburgh's Traverse Theatre, The Public Theater, Steppenwolf, Seattle Rep, Hartford Stage, RoundHouse, Ars Nova and The Flea. Honors include New York Stage and Film Founder's Award, Edgerton Foundation New Play Award, AR Gurney Prize, Lortel and Drama League nominations. With The Bengsons, she also wrote The Lucky Ones. Co-writer of The TEAM's Mission Drift (Edinburgh International Festival Fringe Prize, Scotsman Fringe First, Herald Angel; international tour to Europe, Asia and Australia.) Alumna: P73, Playwrights Realm Writing Fellows, Women's Project Lab and Ars Nova Play Group. M.F.A.: NYU.

ANNE KAUFFMAN, Director

Ms. Kauffman has worked with Ars Nova, NYTW, Playwrights Horizons, The Public, MCC, Roundabout, WP, P73, Clubbed Thumb, New Georges, Yale Rep, Williamstown Theatre Festival, The Goodman, Steppenwolf, The Wilma and Z Space. She is Artistic Director of Encores! Off-Center, Resident Director at Roundabout Theatre, Artistic Associate and Founding Member of The Civilians, a Sundance Program Associate, Clubbed Thumb Associate Artist and co-creator of the CT Directing Fellowship, New Georges Associate Artist, Artistic Council of Soho Rep and SDC Executive Board Member. Awards: Lortel, Three Obies, Two Barrymore Awards, the Joan and Joseph Cullman Award for Exceptional Creativity from Lincoln Center, the Alan Schneider Director Award and a Lilly Award.

SONYA TAYEH, Movement Direction

Selected credits include: Moulin Rouge! (Emerson Colonial Theatre/ dir. Alex Timbers); you'll still call me by name (commissioned by New York Live Arts and Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival); The Lucky Ones (Ars Nova/dir. Anne Kauffman); Martha Graham Dance Company/Lamentation Variation Series; Malpaso Dance Company (commissioned by The Music Center, LA); Hundred Days (New York Theatre Workshop/dir. Anne Kauffman); The Skin of Our Teeth (TFANA/ dir. Arin Arbus); Andrew Lippa's The Wild Party (City Center Encores!/ dir. Leigh Silverman); Iphigenia in Aulis (Classic Stage Company/dir. Rachel Chavkin); Kung Fu (Signature Theatre/dir. Leigh Silverman); and The Last Goodbye (The Old Globe/dir. Alex Timbers).

THE **COMPANY** PLAYHOUSE **LEADERSHIP**

KRIS STONE, Co-Scenic Designer/Props Designer

La Jolla Playhouse: set and projection design for Blood and Gifts. New York: Primary Stages, New York Theatre Workshop, Playwrights Horizons, Second Stage, Vineyard, LCT3, Public, New Victory and Ars Nova. Regional: Hartford Stage, Huntington, Yale Rep, Berkeley Rep, The Old Globe, Long Wharf Theatre, Williamstown Theatre Festival, as well as Florentine/Nashville/Tulsa/Memphis/Cleveland and Chicago Operas. Internationally: Abbey, Dublin/Edinburgh Festivals, Everyman Theatre (Cork); Riverside (London); Wiesbaden (Germany); Royal Theatre (Tasmania). kristonedesign.com

ANDREW HUNGERFORD, Co-Scenic Designer/Lighting Designer La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. Off-Broadway: Hundred Days (New York Theatre Workshop, Under the Radar); These 7 Sicknesses (remount; The Flea). Selected Regional: Boston Court Pasadena, Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, Portland Stage Company, Cincinnati Playhouse, Cincinnati Shakespeare Company. International: Opera Theatre and Music Festival of Lucca, Edinburgh Fringe. In addition to his freelance work, Andrew is Producing Artistic Director and resident scenic and lighting designer at Know Theatre of Cincinnati. He holds degrees in theatre and astrophysics from Michigan State University, and his M.F.A. from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. www.andrewhungerford.com

SYDNEY GALLAS, Costume Designer

La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. Off-Broadway: Hundred Days (NYTW & Public Theater's Under the Radar Festival); Knives in Hens (59E59 Theaters); The Orpheus Variations (Public Theater's Under the Radar Festival). Regional: Jane Eyre (Cleveland Musical Theatre); Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Man of La Mancha (Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center); Anne of Green Gables, Really Rosie (Weston Playhouse); Ariadne Auf Naxos (Jacobs School of Music); peerless (Yale Repertory Theatre). Education: M.F.A. from the Yale School of Drama. www.SydneyGallas.com

NICHOLAS POPE, Sound Designer

La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. Broadway credits include: Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 (Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Sound Design of a Musical) and A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder. Off-Broadway credits include: Hundred Days, The Outer Space, King Lear, Epiphany. Mr. Pope attended Yale School of Drama.

JAMIE LYNNE SIMONS, Stage Manager

La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. Regional: Magellanica, A Civil War Christmas, The Miracle Worker (Artists Repertory); Every Brilliant Thing (Portland Center Stage); Or, The Nether, The New Electric Ballroom (Third Rail Repertory); The Language Archive, pen/man/ship, You For Me For You (Portland Playhouse); Jack & Jill (Cleveland Play House); Ordinary Days (11th Hour); Blackbird, American Buffalo (Theatre Exile). Other credits: Portland Opera, Chamber Music Northwest, Carnival Cruise Lines and Oregon Health & Sciences University – aiding in the education of Doctors as a Standardized Patient Actor. Education: B.F.A. from University of the Arts. Vice-Chair, Portland Area AEA Liaison Committee.

Hundred Days was commissioned, developed and produced by Z Space, Lisa Steindler, piece by piece productions, Wendy vanden Heuvel, in association with Encore Theatre & James Faerron. Based in San Francisco, Z Space is one of the nation's leading laboratories for developing new works. We empower artistic risk, collaboration and camaraderie.

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empowers visionary theatre-makers and brings their work to adventurous audiences - through productions, artist workshops and educational programs - to help us all better understand our world. Since its founding in 1979, NYTW has produced over 150 fully-realized productions, including Rent, Dirty Blonde, Homebody/Kabul, Peter and the Starcatcher, Once, Hadestown and Lazarus. They maintain decades-long relationships with legendary theatre-makers like Doug Wright, Will Power, Ivo van Hove, Dael Orlandersmith and Caryl Churchill, whose work has shaped and continues to influence our very idea of what theatre can be. NYTW productions have received a Pulitzer Prize, 17 Tony Awards and numerous Obie, Drama Desk and Lucille Lortel Awards.



CHRISTOPHER ASHLEY, Artistic Director has served as La Jolla Playhouse's Artistic Director since October, 2007. During his tenure, he has helmed the Playhouse's acclaimed productions of The Squirrels,

Hollywood, The Darrell Hammond Project, His Girl Friday, Glengarry Glen Ross, A Dram of Drummhicit, A

Midsummer Night's Dream, Restoration and the musicals Escape to Margaritaville, Disney's Freaky Friday, Chasing the Song, Xanadu, Memphis, which won four 2010 Tony Awards including Best Musical, and Come From Away, for which he won the 2017 Tony Award for Best Director of a Musical. He also spearheaded the Playhouse's Without Walls (WOW) series and the Resident Theatre program. Prior to joining the Playhouse, he directed the Broadway productions of Xanadu (Drama Desk nomination), All Shook Up and The Rocky Horror Show (Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Award nominations), as well as the Kennedy Center Sondheim Celebration productions of Sweeney Todd and Merrily We Roll Along. Other New York credits include: Blown Sideways Through Life, Jeffrey (Lucille Lortel and Obie Awards), The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told, Valhalla, Regrets Only, Wonder of the World, Communicating Doors, Bunny Bunny, The Night Hank Williams Died and Fires in the Mirror (Lucille Lortel Award), among others. Mr. Ashley also directed the feature films Jeffrey and Lucky Stiff, as well as the American Playhouse production of Blown Sideways Through Life for PBS. Mr. Ashley is the recipient of the Princess Grace Award, the Drama League Director Fellowship and an NEA/TCG Director Fellowship.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE

is a place where artists and audiences come together to create what's new and next in the American theatre, from Tony Awardwinning productions, to imaginative programs for young audiences, to interactive experiences outside our theatre walls. Currently led by 2017 Tony Award-winning Artistic Director Christopher Ashley and Managing Director Debby Buchholz, the Playhouse was founded in 1947 by Gregory Peck, Dorothy McGuire and Mel Ferrer. Playhouse artists and audiences have taken part in the development of new plays and musicals, including mounting 95 world premieres, commissioning 50 new works, and sending 32 productions to Broadway, among them the currently-running hit musicals Come From Away and SUMMER: The Donna Summer Musical – garnering a total of 38 Tony Awards. including the 1993 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre. LaJollaPlayhouse.org.



DEBBY BUCHHOLZ, Managing Director joined the Playhouse in 2002, serving first as General Manager before becoming Managing Director. She is a Vice President of the League of Resident Theaters (LORT) and

of a San Diego Women Who Mean Business Award from The San Diego Business Journal. Prior to joining La Jolla Playhouse, she served as Counsel to The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C. She was a faculty member of the Smithsonian Institution's program on Legal Problems of Museum Administration. Prior to The Kennedy Center, she served as a corporate attorney in New York City and Washington, D.C. She is a graduate of UC San Diego and Harvard Law School. Ms. Buchholz and her husband, noted author and White House economic

policy advisor Todd Buchholz, live in Solana Beach and are the proud



DES McANUFF. Director Emeritus

parents of Victoria, Katherine and Alexia.

served as La Jolla Playhouse's Artistic Director from 1983 through 1994, and from 2001 through April 2007. Under his leadership, the Playhouse garnered more than 300 awards, including the Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre. His Playhouse to Broadway credits

include: SUMMER: The Donna Summer Musical; Doctor Zhivago; Jesus Christ Superstar, Jersey Boys (four Tony Awards); Billy Crystal's 700 Sundays (Tony Award); How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying (five Tony nominations); director and co-author with Pete Townshend on The Who's Tommy (Tony and Olivier Awards for Best Director) and Big River (seven Tony Awards), among others. He also directed the premieres of Aaron Sorkin's The Farnsworth Invention and Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots, which he co-wrote. Opera credits: Faust (The Met, ENO). Film credits: Cousin Bette (director), Iron Giant (producer, BAFTA Award) and Quills (executive producer). Recipient of the Drama League's 2006 Julia Hansen Award, Mr. McAnuff served as Artistic Director at Canada's Stratford Festival from 2007 through 2012. In 2012, he was awarded Canada's esteemed Governor General's National Arts Center Award and the Order of Canada.





James' Place is the Theatre District's on-site restaurant. Developed by Sushi Master James Holder, the menu features his signature sushi, delectable dishes created with Prime and Angus cuts of beef, locally and sustainably harvested seafood and other seasonal dishes. Lighter fare is served at the newly-redesigned sushi/cocktail bar, which also offers craft beer and California wines.

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La Jolla Playhouse is a member of the League of Resident Theatres (LORT) and a constituent of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national service organization for the nonprofit professional theatre.



30+ Years of the POP Tour

One of La Jolla Playhouse's signature Education programs, the Performance Outreach Program (POP) Tour is an annual world-premiere, Playhouse-commissioned production that brings the magic of theatre to San Diego classrooms. Launched in 1987, the POP Tour travels throughout the county to schools and community centers from January to April each year. Prior to the performance, a Playhouse teaching artist visits each school to engage students in an interactive workshop that explores issues and themes at the core of the play. The Playhouse also provides schools with a standards-based engagement guide that enables educators to integrate the play into their curriculum.

"For more than 30 years, the POP Tour has taken timely ideas and topics that resonate with young minds and activates them in ways that are accessible and often ingenious," said Playhouse Artistic Director Christopher Ashley.

The 2019 POP Tour, *Light Years Away*, is currently in development. Written by Laura Schellhardt, the play tackles themes of climate change, teamwork and daring to dream big as it follows three fifth graders competing for the chance to be early colonists of a

fictional planet, as Earth becomes uninhabitable in the not-so-distant future.

For more information on booking a performance of *Light Years Away* at a local school, please contact Bridget Cavaiola at (858) 550-1070 x101 or bcavaiola@ljp.org. For information on underwriting a performance through our "Adopt-A-School" program, please contact Bonnie Broberg at (858) 550-1070 x141 or bbroberg@ljp.org.



2016 POP Tour Alice Chan



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2018 POP Tour *Home of the Brave*All photos by Jamie Scott Lytle

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE EDUCATION & OUTREACH PROGRAMS

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Arts Academy pairs a classroom teacher with a Playhouse artist instructor. Through collaboration, they work together to incorporate advanced theatre activities and exercises into existing curriculum.

Students watching the 2016 POP Tour

at Freese Elementary

Girl Scouts Empowerment Theatre is a collaboration between Girl Scouts San Diego and La Jolla Playhouse. This program prepares young women, through the acquisition and application of theatre skills, to confidently tackle challenges and opportunities faced in life as empowered leaders. *This program is made possible through funding from the Favrot Fund.*

In-School Residencies – In partnership with San
Diego County and City Visual and Performing Arts
Departments, Playhouse artist instructors teach theatre
skills in classrooms across the county, ensuring theatre
becomes an integral part of the education of all San
Diego children while fostering a relationship with the
Playhouse that will continue as they grow into adulthood.

InterACTion allows Playhouse artist instructors to work in partnership with City of San Diego Police Department's STAR/PAL Program to create interactive lessons that teach adolescents the importance of self-respect, community and the law.

Performance Outreach Program (POP) Tour

Each year, the Playhouse commissions a new play that addresses real concerns of today's youth and brings a professional production to schools and community centers across San Diego County. School performances are integrated into the classroom curriculum through pre-show visits by Playhouse artist instructors.

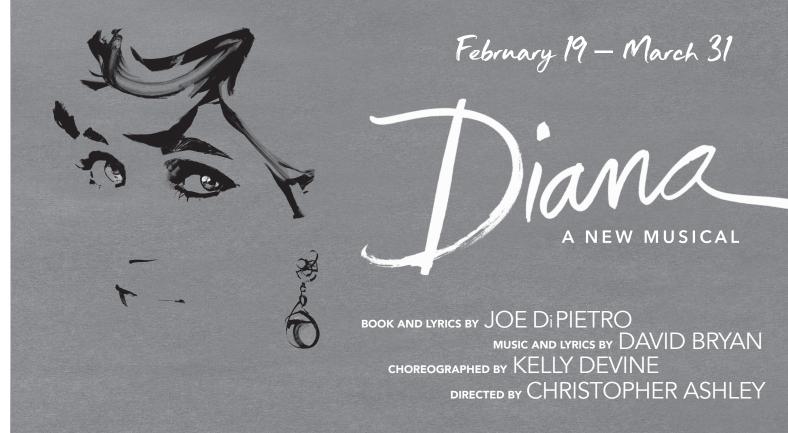
Student Matinees – Special student matinees of selected mainstage productions are offered throughout the school year. Study guides, pre-performance and staff development workshops and post-show talkbacks are available to prepare students for these productions.

YP@LJP — Young Performers at La Jolla Playhouse offers exciting summer programs for kids: Young Performers' Workshop (YPW), an exploration of theatre arts in a fun, creative way; Young Performers' Academy (YPA), where students build upon the skills they learned in YPW; Young Performers' Conservatory (YPC), a 5-week intensive that prepares actors for serious college theatre programs; and Tech Theatre, a class which introduces young people to the various aspects of technical theatre. Supported by the Sidney E. Frank Foundation, the Jordan Ressler Endowment Fund, David C. Copley Foundation and the Roberto Quiñones, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

JumpStart Theatre — This three-year program consists of dedicated curriculum developed by iTheatrics to provide middle school teachers with the skills and resources needed to produce musicals in their schools for the first time. From boot camp training sessions to one-on-one mentorship by Playhouse staff, this groundbreaking program targets schools in the San Diego Unified School District that do not already have a theatre program in place.

For more information on Education & Outreach programs at La Jolla Playhouse, please contact Bridget Cavaiola at (858) 550-1070 x101.

















op row: Andy & Camille Rasdal: Karen Quiñones & Lynelle Lynch. Bottom Row: Kay & Bill Gurtin; Margret & Nevins McBride, Barbara & Howard Milstein

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Welcome to the Playhouse and tonight's performance of Hundred Days, an acclaimed new piece The New York Times dubbed "a luminous musical memoir."

Speaking of accolades, I wanted to share some terrific Playhouse news.

Debby Buchholz, our newly-appointed Managing Director, was just named an Industry Leader Finalist for San Diego Magazine's 2018 "Celebrating Women" Awards. The publication also highlighted La Jolla Playhouse in their August "Best of San Diego" issue for Best Theatre Programming. On the production front, the Playhouse-born, Tony Award-nominated musical Come From Away is still going strong on Broadway and is about to launch both a national tour along with a West End production, while our world-premiere production of Wild Goose Dreams will open at New York's Public Theater in November.

La Jolla Playhouse is truly a local and national treasure – a cherished institution that sets the bar for innovation on the American theatre landscape. This success wouldn't be possible without your generous support – whether as a subscriber, donor, volunteer, Education underwriter, or member of one of the vital giving programs listed on the following pages – and we cannot thank you enough for your dedication to the Playhouse.

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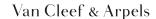














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OPERATIONS

Director of Operations Ned Collins*
Operations Manager Jen McClenahan*
Network Systems Specialist Daryl "Scooter" Davis
FRONT OF HOUSE
House Manager John Craft*
Assistant House Managers Avery Henderson, Sara Lucchini,
Amy Marquez*, Chastyn Rauh, Mondis Vakili
Audience Concierges Ashley Carbonell, Christopher Ferreria,
Cory Kurkierewicz, Sultan Saeed, Gemina Soriano
Janitorial Professional Maintenance Systems: Luis Bagshaw,
Nora Gomez, Francisco Lopez, Juan Mena, Maria Mena,
Santiago Servin, Tony Villafuerte

HUNDRED DAYS STAFF

Stage Carpenter Zane Whitmore Production Props Gabe Serbian Master Electrician/Light Board Operator Kristyn Kennedy Audio Engineer Alex Huerta Sound Technician Matthew Birchmeier Wardrobe Supervisor Veronica Von Borstel

*Ten years or more with La Jolla Playhouse







