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6th Street Playhouse Presents Studio Theatre Opener *Constellations* Have you ever wondered 'what if?'

SANTA ROSA, CA (August 21, 2017) 6th Street Playhouse to present the North Bay Premiere of *Constellations*, the first production in the Studio Theatre for the 2017/18 Season. *Constellations* is by Nick Payne, directed by Juliet Noonan and stars Melissa Claire and Jared Wright.

Fresh off an extended run in Los Angeles after its American premiere on Broadway in 2015, the Playhouse is thrilled to bring audiences this brilliant young British playwright's highly sought-after and extremely imaginative love story.

"6th Street Playhouse is extremely lucky to be able to produce this extraordinary work!" says Executive Director Jared Sakren.

On opening night, September 8th, there will be a complimentary reception following the performance where audiences can chat with the cast and enjoy sparkling wine and nibbles.

Post-show talk backs will be held on Thursday, September 14th and 21st and after the matinee on Saturday, September 23rd.

"This imaginative play asks 'What is the significance of our universe?'" says Director Juliet Noonan. "How do we connect the art of science and magic? Nick Payne's work explores various scientific notions and theories, however when we peer through the telescope we see the simplicity of a boy who meets a girl and the infinite possibilities of what this relationship, and in turn, our universe, can hold."

Constellations opens in the Studio Theatre September 8th and runs through September 24th. Tickets are \$22-\$28, and feature a new Under 30 ticket price of \$18.

The Playhouse is also offering a new Studio Season Package where patrons can see six shows for only \$126-\$144. The package includes 'director's choice' seats reserved for subscribers.

The remainder of the 2017-18 Season line-up in the Studio Theatre includes:

- *Two Rooms*: November 3-19
- *Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge*: December 8-23
- *Equus*: February 9-25, 2018
- *Death of a Salesman*: March 30-April 22
- *The Compl't Wrks Wllm Shkspr (Abridged)*: May 18-June 3

New this season: All evening performances begin at 7:30 pm, and there is now an 'Under 30' ticket category!

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About 6th Street Playhouse

In 2004, a new partnership reunited the Santa Rosa Players and Actors Theatre under one board of directors. Together they renovated the 119-year-old Del Monte cannery into the 6th Street Playhouse, which houses a 185-seat main stage (the G.K. Hardt Theatre) and a 99-seat black box (the Studio Theatre).

6th Street Playhouse is a performing arts organization that produces live theatre and provides education programs of the highest quality that engage, delight, and inspire the diverse communities of the North Bay region. 6th Street Playhouse is the central hub of the Sonoma County arts scene. It is known throughout the region for its high level of artistry, professionalism, educational opportunities and the bravery of its approach to works both new and old.

Award-Winning

As the most award-winning theatre company in the North Bay Area, 6th Street Playhouse has been named "Best Theatre Troupe" by the North Bay Bohemian readership for the last five consecutive years, and "Best Local Theatre Company" by the Press Democrat "Best of Sonoma County" Awards for the last four out of five years. The Playhouse was named "Theatre of the Year" by Broadway World San Francisco 2012-2014.

In 2012 Playhouse Artistic Director, Craig A. Miller, was named one of Sonoma County's "Forty Under 40" by the North Bay Business Journal, honoring the County's forty most influential people in their field under the age of 40.

In the last five years, 6th Street Playhouse has received over fifty nominations for excellence in all areas of production from the leading Theatre Arts adjudication organizations in the Bay Area, including the San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle (SFBATCC), Theatre Bay Area (TBA), and Sonoma One Theatre Awards (SOTA). Of those nominations, The Playhouse received six awards at the 2013 San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards, including Best Ensemble for our production of *Red*, and Best Leading Male and Female Actors for *The Rocky Horror Show*.

In our 2013/14 Season, the musical production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* swept the SFBATCC Awards, taking home wins in all four of its nominated categories; winning a total six awards for the season, which was highlighted in *American Theatre Magazine*.

In 2015, the Playhouse took home three awards at the Theater Bay Area Awards for Best Direction, Best Ensemble, Best Actress, and Best Production for *Clybourne Park*.