

6thStreetPlayhouse

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6th Street Playhouse to Present 2018-19 Season-Opener *Guys and Dolls!* The swinging jazz-age musical treat!

SANTA ROSA, CA (July 31, 2018) 6th Street Playhouse to present *Guys and Dolls*, by Abe Burrows and Jo Swerling, with music & lyrics by Frank Loesser. Directed by James Newman, music direction by Ginger Beavers and choreography by Joseph Favalora, the musical will run September 14th-October 7th in the G.K. Hardt Theatre.

The 2018-19 Season opener is a multiple award-winning treat directed by multiple-talented James Newman, currently the Artistic Director of Summer Repertory Theatre. Newman has been the head of that organization for the past 12 years and within his tenure has produced 55 productions. Previously, Newman was Artistic Director of Seattle's GREX Theatre, and is also an actor himself having worked with many companies around the area. This is Newman's directorial debut at 6th Street and he is excited to be heading this production.

"I am thrilled to be working with 6th Street and was available because of Summer Rep's summer hiatus," says Newman. *"Guys and Dolls has always been a favorite of mine. So many modern musicals owe so much to Guys and Dolls' depiction of Broadway and the concept of the musical theatre "gangster". Without Guys and Dolls we wouldn't have The Drowsy Chaperone or Thoroughly Modern Mille. The original source material by Damon Runyon also gave birth to the "Runyonesque" language so pervasively used in this genre – including the Jets from West Side Story. We will be taking a pretty classic approach to the musical, although I hope to look at it through a fresh lens."*

Jam-packed with iconic songs like "Luck Be a Lady," this "greatest of all American musicals" (TIME) takes you to swinging jazz-age New York City where high stakes applies to money—and love.

Guys and Dolls features Ella Park in the role of Miss Adelaide, Ariel Zuckerman as Nathan Detroit, Ellie Paul as Miss Sarah Brown, and Ezra Hernandez as Skye Masterson; as well as an ensemble cast.

On opening night, September 14th, there will be a complimentary reception following the performance where patrons can meet the cast and enjoy sparkling wine and nibbles.

Guys and Dolls opens in the G.K. Hardt Theatre September 14th and runs through October 7th every Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 2:00, with select performances on Thursdays, at 7:30 pm and Saturdays at 2 pm.

Tickets are \$30 - \$35, NEW Value Seats are \$25, and Under 30 is \$22, and are available at 6thstreetplayhouse.com or by calling the Box Office at (707) 523-4185 ext. 1

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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 eight consecutive years, and "Best Local Theatre Company" by the Press Democrat "Best of Sonoma County" Awards for the last four out of 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).

In 2018, the Playhouse's production of *Equus* received a five-star rating from the North Bay Bohemian and was named a "Go See!" production by the San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle. In its 2017-18 Season, *Equus*, *Noises Off* and *Illyria* were named Theatre Bay Area recommended productions.