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6th Street Playhouse to Present *La Cage aux Folles*
The fabulous musical about being true to yourself!

SANTA ROSA, CA (March 27, 2018) 6th Street Playhouse to present *La Cage aux Folles*, by Harvey Fierstein and music/lyrics by Jerry Herman. Directed by Russell Kaltschmidt (*The Full Monty, Becoming Walt Whitman*), music direction by Ginger Beavers and choreography by Joseph Favalora, the musical will run April 27th-May 20th in the G.K. Hardt Theatre.

The Playhouse is thrilled to present this show-stopping production on the main stage. Life in a flamboyant nontraditional family gets turned upside down when the son comes home with his new fiancée...and her ultra-conservative parents. One of Broadway's biggest hits for more than 30 years, this feel good musical comedy is an inspiring lesson in being true to who you really are.

"*La Cage aux Folles* is about the transforming power of love," says Director Russell Kaltschmidt. "Initially, it's about first love and the way that this can make us a bit blind to anything but the person right in front of us. Then it becomes the kind of love that weathers storms and becomes seasoned by time. In this production, we experience an invitation to "Look Over There", to open our eyes to more than adoration and move to loving all that we are, transgressions and imperfections included."

The cast of *La Cage aux Folles* stars: Anthony Martinez as Georges; Michael Conte as Albin/Zaza; Joseph Favalora* as Jacob the 'Maid'; Lorenzo Alviso as Jean-Michel; Hillary St. John as Anne/Cagelle; Michael Fontaine as Mr. Dindon; Cindy Brillhart-True as Mrs. Dindon; William Butrica, Jr. as Francis/Café Owner; Mo McElroy as Jacqueline; and Chandler Parrott-Thomas, Caleb D. Noal, Nate Mercier, Albert McLeod, and Lillian Myers as the Cagelles.

On opening night, April 27th, there will be a complimentary reception following the performance where patrons can meet the cast and enjoy sparkling wine and nibbles.

La Cage aux Folles opens in the G.K. Hardt Theatre April 27th and runs through May 20th every Friday and Saturday at 7:30, Saturday (May 12th & 19th) and Sunday at 2:00, with select performances on Thursday evenings.

Tickets are \$28 - \$38, and Under 30 is \$22, and are available at 6thstreetplayhouse.com or by calling the Box Office at (707) 523-4185 ext. 1.

*Actor appears courtesy of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States

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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. 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*. 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. Both *Equus* and 6th Street's following production of *Noises Off* were named Theatre Bay Area recommended productions.