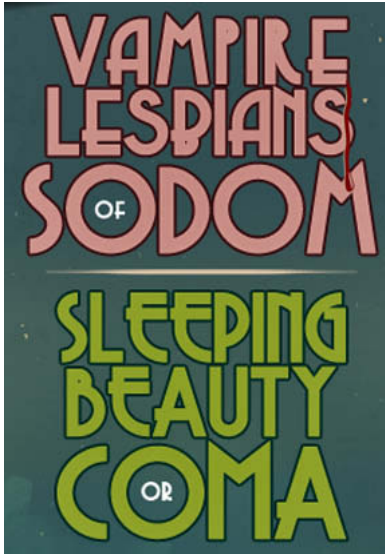


January 2017 Openings

**Vampire Lesbians of Sodom
Sleeping Beauty or Comma**



poster: Maureen Heuring-Appel

Written by Charles Busch
Directed by Jim Strait
Produced by [Desert Rose Productions, Inc.](#)

Two plays by Charles Busch:

“Vampire Lesbians of Sodom”

The saga of two fatally seductive vampiresses, whose paths first collide in ancient Sodom. Their bitter rivalry as bloodsuckers, but more importantly, as actresses, endures for 2,000 years with stops along the way in 1920s silent movie Hollywood, and in contemporary Las Vegas.

“Sleeping Beauty or Comma”

The classic fairy tale, retold in London’s 1960s fabulously mod fashion world.

Cast includes: Loren Freeman, Kam Sisco, Jacob Betts, Richard Marlow, Terry Huber, Steven Ciceron, Adina Lawson, Jol

Recommended for mature audiences due to adult language and brief nudity.

January 20, 2017
The Desert Rose Playhouse, 69620 Hwy 111, Rancho Mirage, California
Wheelchair accessible
Information: paultaylor@desertroseplayhouse.org
Information/Reservation: 760-202-3000

February 2017 Openings

[Shades of Disclosure](#)



Mason Mahony, John Glenn Harding, Ken Pienkos,
Randy Graville, Cheri Gaulke, Darrel Larson, Tristan Scott-Behrends, Sophie Kim

image: Ed Krieger

Written by QueerWise
Directed by Michael Kearns
Produced by [Skylight Theatre Company](#).

Spanning from the 1988 display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington to worldwide Women’s Marches, “Shades of Disclosure” celebrates the triumph of people whose personal stories have been forgotten or silenced. Individuals, or they relive their intimate and heartfelt histories while speaking to a 16-year-old who is announcing her queerness, finds herself at a precarious turning point in America as she discovers a band of mentors who tell it like it was, is, and how they hope it ce

Cast includes: Albert Auben, Gil Feroli, Cheri Gaulke, Randy Gravelle, John Austin Humble, Jessie Jacobson, Sophie Kim, Darrell Larson, Timothy Mack Mahoney, Jen O’Connor, Roland Palencia, Christine Papalexis, Ken Pienkos, Behrends, David Trudell.

A “Shades of Disclosure” world premiere.

February 25, 2017
Skylight Theatre, Los Angeles, California
Information/Reservation: 213-761-7061; tickets@skylighttheatrecompany.com

March 2017 Openings

Ghost Light Now & Then

Written by [Barbara Kahn](#)
Directed by Robert Gonzales, Jr. and Barbara Kahn
Produced by [Theater for the New City](#).

In 2017, New Yorkers Becky and Mandy are not immune to the homophobia that has threatened their marriage. During an seismic event they are flung through a window into the early 20th century Greenwich Village Theater, demolished in 1930

The women discover that issues and conflicts, such as homophobia, racism and anti-Semitism, haven’t changed in a century

A ghost light is the single lamp, a work light, that is left onstage when a theater is otherwise dark. There is a superstition that if a theater is dark and a ghost light is lit, the ghosts of past productions will appear. There are also stories that ghost lights provide illumination for the ghosts to perform.

Inspired by “Alice in Wonderland” and “The Wizard of Oz,” the play follows their journey home. Wandering through remnant sets they encounter ghosts that haunt the site of the theater. Characters and snippets of dialogue from productions of the past are woven into contemporary play.



Danielle Aziza, Micha Lazare

photo: Joe Bly

Cast includes: Danielle Aziza, Amanda Boekelheide, Rachel Drayke, Robert Gonzales Jr., Micha Lazare, Brandon Sngdnc Van Vlack.

Barbara Kahn's plays have been produced in the U.S., France and Germany. She has directed in New York, Paris, and at the Theatre in London. Theater for the New City has been the primary New York City home for Barbara's plays since 1994.

Partial funding for the production is provided by [The Arch and Bruce Brown Foundation](#).

March 2, 2017

Theater for the New City, New York, New York

Information: presskahntnc@aol.com

[Damaged Goods](#)



Karen Stanion, Virginia Baeta

photo: Ben Strothmann

Written by Virginia Baeta

Directed by Mark Finley

Produced by Barry Childs and [TOSOS](#)

It was supposed to be an easy job: trail the bad girl heiress and report her daddy. But private dick Thomas Sparks finds out the hard way that nothing is he's lured through a lethal labyrinth of love, lies and larceny.

When you're up against the baddest baddies in Badtown, you either crack the *Damaged Goods*.

Cast includes: Virginia Baeta, Elizabeth Bell*, Jamie Heinlein*, Karen Stanion Weaver. (* Actors Equity)

A 90-minute gender-bending valentine to Film Noir, this production of "Dam" presented as part of the Emerging Artists Theatre New Works Series.

March 2, 2017

Tada Theater, New York, New York

Information: 917-697-3344; tososnyc@gmail.com

[Haram! Iran!](#)



Written by Jay Paul Deratany

Directed by Rick Leidenfrost-Wilson

Produced by Creative Concept Productions, in association with Red Spear Pr

Two teenagers in Mashad, Iran In 2005, two Iranian 15-year-olds, Mahmoud Marhouni struggle with their identities, as they come of age. They are typical longing to discover their place in the world, which includes their status as Iranian. When an innocent moment between two friends is misconstrued, the justice system steps in and ruins their lives.

Cast includes: Sahar Bibiyan, Thamer Jendoubi, Russel Jordan, Kal Mansoor Naama Potok, Rahul Rai, Roberto Tolentino.

Nominated for a GLAAD Award for its Los Angeles engagement, "Haram! Iran" the true story of the teenager's court trial.

March 8, 2017

TADA, New York, New York

Gay Theater: It's History and It's Future

Coordinated by Victor Bumbalo

Speakers include: Victor Bumbalo, Michael Kearns, Robert Patrick, Tom Jacobson, Mary Casey, Odalys Nanin, Donald Jolly.

A lively discussion of the roots of LGBTQ theater and its impact on our culture. An opportunity to gain a perspective on our cultural history with some the people who he Plus thoughts about its direction from those working today."

March 9, 2017

West Hollywood Library Community Room, West Hollywood, California

Wheelchair accessible

FREE

Information: vgb828@gmail.com

April 2017 Openings

May 2017 Openings

Clark Gable Slept Here

Written by Michael McKeever

Directed by Jim Strait

Produced by [Desert Rose Productions, Inc.](http://DesertRoseProductions.com)

One of the silver screen's brightest action stars charms his way through the Golden Globe Awards ceremony accompanied by his wife. Meanwhile, back at the Chateau M tries to figure out what to do with the naked, dead, male prostitute on his bedroom floor.

A look behind the closed doors of the Hollywood elite, revealing a jet-black satire on what it means to be a "man" in the make-believe world of motion pictures, where n what it seems, and closets are used for so much more than hanging up your tuxedo.

A west coast premiere.

There is adult material and nudity.

Cast includes: Melanie Blue, Winston Gieseke, Ben Heustess, Michael Pacas, Yo Younger.

"Wildly funny and comically horrifying, the play is carefully crafted to reveal surprise after surprise, as if it were the equivalent of Botoxed Russian nesting dolls." – Mi

May 5, 2017

The Desert Rose Playhouse, Rancho Mirage, California

Information: paultaylor@desertroseplayhouse.org

Information/Reservation: 760-202-3000

June 2017 Openings

#undocumentedjoy



Isis Avalos, Yosimar Reyes, Féi Hernandez

photos: Leo Garcia

Produced by [Highways Performance Space & Gallery](http://HighwaysPerformanceSpace.com)

Addressing the thwarted immigration policies of Trump's administration.

Featuring new work by out, current, and former, undocumented artists:

[Yosimar Reyes](#), spoken word artist, activist

Féi Hernandez, poet, teacher

Isis Avalos, choreographer

DJ Manuel Rodriguez

A fundraiser, part of Highways' 2017 **Behold! Queer Arts Series**, a celebrat 28th birthday.

June 3, 2017

Highways Performance Space & Gallery, Santa Monica, California

Information: admin@highwaysperformance.org

Party



Miguel Arballo, Robbie Wayne, Allan Jensen,
David Boyd, Kam Sisco, Jason Hull, Samuel Frank

photo: ?

Written by David Dillon
Directed by Jim Strait
Produced by [Desert Rose Productions, Inc.](#)

A group of gay men gather for their monthly evening of drinks and games. Tonight, the 1980s version of "Truth or Dare," called "Fact, Fiction or Fantasy." True life stories are shared and encounters related, and fantasies often require the player to remove his clothing.

By the end of the evening, everyone is nude, singing and laughing together in a great shared brotherhood.

About his wildly popular comedy, Playwright Dillon says, "*Party* is not about flesh, but that, as a group, we are positive, and honest, about our sexuality, and free from a lot of the hang ups that exist in other groups."

Cast includes: Miguel Arballo, David Boyd, Samuel Frank, Jason Hull, Allan Jensen, Kam Sisco, Robbie Wayne.

June 23-July 30, 2017 - Friday, Saturdays 8pm, Sundays 2pm
The Desert Rose Playhouse, Rancho Mirage, California
Information: paultaylor@desertroseplayhouse.org
Information/Reservation: 760-202-3000

July 2017 Openings

[San Francisco, Mi Amor!](#)



Monica Palacios

photo: Sunny Bak

Written and directed by [Monica Palacios](#)
Produced by [Museum of Latin American Art](#)

The 80s was a challenging decade to be an out, Chicana lesbian comic. AIDS is front page news, shining a negative light on the LGBTQ community.

Monica shares her dynamic stories about:
Living with her lesbian sister — "double dyke familia"
Being a San Francisco State film student
Performing at "Gay Comedy Night" at the Valencia Rose Cabaret
Performing comedy during the AIDS crisis
Lusting for women making her burritos at Taqueria La Cumbre
Birthing the comedy troupe "Culture Clash"
Auditioning for actor Edward James Olmos on 24th Street
Grooming her mullet, and mucho mucho mas!

The solo performance includes more than 30 unique images of Monica's queer performance life that have not been seen in the 80s.

Cast includes: Monica Palacios

July 8, 2017
Museum of Latin American Art, Long Beach, California
Wheelchair accessible
Information: info@molaa.org
Information/Reservation: 562-437-1689

August 2017 Openings

Street Theater

Written by Doric Wilson
Directed by Mark Finley
Produced by Barry Childs, [TOSOS](#)



Street Theater

poster: Howard Cruse



Tim Abrams, Jeremy Lawrence



Joe MacDougall, Josh Kenney, Patrick Porter

photo: Ben Strothmann



Chris Andersson, Michael Lynch

Taking place in New York City's Greenwich Village district, on June 28, 1969, shortly before the first brick was thrown at the Stonewall Inn, Doric Wilson's legendary sa exploits of the cruisers, drag queens, undercover cops, dykes, hippies, mobsters and bystanders (innocent and otherwise), as they catapult toward the moment that changes history.

Cast includes: Christopher Borg, Joshua Kenney, Rebecca Nyahay, Chris Andersson, Russell Jordan, Jeremy Lawrence, Michael Lynch, Tim Abrams, Ben Strothmann, D

"Doric Wilson was present at all three nights of the Stonewall riots. His vision is unique among Stonewall chroniclers in that 'Street Theater' is not so much a play about as it is about what made it happen. It focuses less on who-did-what to whom, and zeroes in on why we fought back in the first place. And that's something I don't think you to forget." - Mark Finley, TOSOS artistic director

September 20, 2017

The Eagle Bar, 554 West 28th St., New York, New York

Wheelie access with obstacles

Information: 917-697-3344; tososnyc@gmail.com

September 2017 Openings

Walking to Buchenwald



Mandy Schneider and Amielynn Abellera
Both couples alternate playing the roles of Schiller and Arjay.
Justin Huen and Christopher Capiello
photo: Roderick Menzies

Written by Tom Jacobson
Directed by Roderick Menzies
Produced by [Open Fist Theatre Company](#)

Cultural, national and gender identity; politics; marriage; death; and the mutability of the many motifs that run through Jacobson's deceptively sweet story in which a soon-to-couple, Schiller and Arjay, take Schiller's parents on their first trip to Europe.

Dramatically illustrating the extent to which casting, and acting, can change a story, two with two men in the roles of Schiller and Arjay. Both couples learn what it means to be a world that no longer admires the U.S.

In this protean comedy, Guinea pigs play cricket, dead bodies talk, and an unexpected tri concentration camp, lead to shocking, shattering consequences, and a poignant conclusion.

Cast includes: Amielynn Abellera, Will Bradley, Christopher Capiello, Justin Huen, La Martin, Mandy Schneider.

September 15, 2017
Atwater Village Theatre, Los Angeles, California
Information: lucy@lucypr.com

Information/Reservation: 323-882-6912

Fixed

Written by Boni B. Alvarez
Directed by Rodney To
Produced by [Echo Theater Company](#)

In the heart of LA's Historic Filipinotown, Miracles Malcañang, a ladyboy masseuse, "walks" for Filipinotown's infamous House of Malacañang. When Miracles' forbidden sparks tensions between the city's two most volatile political families, the families must come together to understand the power of desire, identity, and honor.

This fierce and funny new play was inspired by the Spanish Golden Age drama "The Physician of His Own Honor" (1635) by Pedro Calderón de la Barca, and the movie "Paris is Burning" (1990) directed by Jennie Livingston, which detailed New York's 80s, then-underground, drag queen "ball culture."

Cast includes: Chris Aguila, Wade Allain-Marcus, Boni B. Alvarez, Renee-Marie Brewster, Tonatiuh Elizarraraz, Adrian Gonzalez, Anna Lamadrid, Joseph Vladez, Allen

September 14, 2017
[Atwater Village Theatre](#), Los Angeles, California
Information: lucy@lucypr.com
Information/Reservation: 310-307-3753

Vanya & Sonia & Masha + Spike

Written by Christopher Durang
Directed by Robbie Wayne
Produced by [Desert Rose Productions, Inc.](#)

Vanya and Sonia live in their family's home in Bucks County, PA. Their "Movie Star" sister Masha arrives with her new boy-toy Spike to tell them she is selling the family home and moving on with life. Add one "Snow White and the 7 Dwarves" costume party, and a Voodoo spell-casting housekeeper, and it's Christopher Durang at his best!

Cast includes: Jim Strait, Adina Lawson, Heather Brendel, Cody Frank, Alma Lacy, April Mejia.

Tony Winner for Best Play 2013.

September 22, 2017
The Desert Rose Playhouse, Rancho Mirage, California
Information: paultaylor@desertroseplayhouse.org
Information/Reservation: 760-202-3000

[Up the Rabbit Hole](#)

Writer: Andy Halliday
Director: G.R. Johnson
Producer: [Theater for the New City](#)

An adopted, young, gay man, becomes obsessed with tracking down his birth mother. His has led a life of careless sexual and reckless drug use. When he finally finds his mother, the answers he has been searching for his entire life, finally give him the combat his drug addiction, to attempt climbing out of the darkness, and Up the Rabbit Hole.

An autobiographical play about sex, obsession, and finding your home.

Cast includes: Quinn Coughlin, Andrew Glaszek, Peter Gregus, Tyler Jones, Laralu Smith.

September 26, 2017
Theater for the New City, New York, New York



Quinn Coghlin

photo: Kevin Cristaldi

Information: 212-254-1109

Freddy



Marty Dew

photo: ?

Written by Deborah Lawlor
Directed by Frances Loy
Produced by [Fountain Theatre](#)

In 1964 Greenwich Village, Freddy Herko, a brilliant, ballet dancer of extraordinary charisma and talent, and a fiery deniz Warhol's Factory. A naïve young woman falls under Freddy's spell.

Based on a true story, this fusion of theater, music, dance and video, captures the explosive spirit of a passionate, gay artist era.

Cast includes: Marty Dew, Mel England, Katie McConaughy, Susan Wilder.

September 27, 2017
Los Angeles City College, Caminito Theatre, Los Angeles, California
Information: lucy@lucypr.com

Information/Reservation: 323-663-1525

October 2017 Openings

The Many Loves of Oscar Wilde



Oscar Wilde

image: Demian

Written by Bill Kaiser
Produced by the [Purple Circuit](#) and the Antebellum Gallery

A tea salon to celebrate Oscar Wilde's 163rd birthday, with a presentation of his lovers, and his support for the cause of men-loving-n

Cast includes: Devi, Christopher Lissner, Deborah Lissner, Turk, Matthew Steel, Alex Smith, Tim Christian, Javier, Sharp, Ashley Hc Kaiser.

October 18, 2017
[Tom of Finland House](#), Echo Park, California
Information: 818-953-5096; antebellum@earthlink.net

November 2017 Openings

Rotterdam

Written by Jon Brittain
Directed by Michael A. Shepperd



Ashley Romans, Ryan Brophy, Miranda Wynne

photo: Ed Krieger

Produced by [Skylight Theatre Company](#).

In Rotterdam, New Year's day 2017, Alice finally found the courage to email her parents that she's Alice hits "send," her girlfriend, Fiona, reveals that she has always identified as a man, and wants to sending their relationship into a tailspin.

Amid a breaking wave of transgender stories in the news, Jon Brittain has created a groundbreaking relatable characters that are flawed and hilarious. Rotterdam is a comedy with powerful questions at identity at its core.

Cast includes: Ryan Brophy, Audrey Cain, Ashley Romans, Miranda Wynne.

An Olivier Award Winner.

This performance is the west coast premiere of "Rotterdam."

November 11, 2017

Skylight Theatre, Los Angeles, California

Information: 213-761-7061

Oscar Wilde is Dead



Oscar Wilde

photo: Napoleon Saronny

Written by Bill Kaiser

Produced by the [Purple Circuit](#) and the Antebellum Gallery

Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde, Irish poet and playwright, was born on October 16, 1854. At 46, he died of meningitis on November 30, 1900.

While Oscar Wilde has been dead for 117 years, his legacy lives on. Wilde's impact on literature, poetry, art and culture - including gay culture - cannot be underestimated.

Please attend the salon featuring readings, poetry and eulogies to our beloved gay icon. Black tea will be served. Hosted by Rick Castro.

Poetry by Oscar Wilde and Bosie (aka Lord Alfred Douglas) will be read by:

Kevin Dulude
Matthew Steele
Alex Smith

Live music by:

Marcopollo

Dead Oscar Contest

Come as your version of dead Oscar Wilde.

Winner gets a glamorous gift basket!

Wear black.

November 29, 2017

[Tom of Finland House](#), California

Information: 818-953-5096; antebellum@earthlink.net

December 2017 Openings

2017 Ongoing Events

[The Village Playwrights](#)



The Village Playwrights was founded out of the need of lesbian and gay writers to have a venue in which they could prese without fear of being harshly criticized, or dismissed because of their sexual orientation or gender identification.

We take pride in critiquing works solely on their merit, and not on their sometimes sensitive subject matter. This allows each writer to find his or her voice as a creative individual. To speak freely is to be empowered.

"This is a place to speak from the heart. This is a place to find one's voice. This is a place to take risks."

The Village Playwrights meet at 8pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

LGBT Center, 208 W. 13th St., New York, New York

Participation is open to all playwrights, screenwriters, directors and actors. Beginners are encouraged and helped.

Information: 614-285-2515; villageplaywrights@gmail.com

*QComedy - Monday Night Gay Comedy

See Web site for GLBT comedy listings in San Francisco, as well as worldwide.

QComedy Showcase occurs on the first Monday of each month.

Mama Calizo's, 1519 Mission St., San Francisco, California

Wheelchair accessible

Information and comedy bookings: Nick Leonard, 415-533-9133; nickdammit@gmail.com

Ian MacKinnon



Just about every month, Ian presents a show, by himself, or with others, and they all are about gay male culture. He often includes several centuries of such culture all at the same time.

Ian MacKinnon is a GLAAD Award-nominated performance artist who has been working in Los Angeles since 2005.

His solo show series "[The Gay Hist-Orgy](#)" toured throughout California at theaters and universities.

He curates many "queer" performance events including the annual Adonis Project, as well as the monthly LGBT experime event "Planet Queer."

Ian has been leading his "Get More Gay Performance Workshops" in Los Angeles since 2012.

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