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Two Rocklin Actors star in new Sherlock Holmes work

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Placer Repertory Theater is pleased to announce that two Rocklin actors star in the digital stage reading of the new work ***Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of the Four*** on July 11, 2020. This invitational event will include several area professionals, as well as a few up-and-coming pre-professionals. The role of Sherlock Holmes is played by **Ryan Gerberding**, and the role of Dr. Watson is played by **Kevin Foster**, both of whom are Rocklin locals. The role of Dr. Watson was originally cast with Actors' Equity Association actor Ryan Blanning, but due to family issues, Blanning had to drop out and was replaced with Rocklin local Kevin Foster. "We are excited to give Kevin this opportunity to shine. He has really stepped up and will do a wonderful job with the character. We're all very pleased with his performance," said Teresa Stirling Forsyth, Producing Artistic Director for Placer Repertory Theater.

Kevin Foster is an early career professional who has performed with Sacramento Theater Company and other performance groups, and Ryan Gerberding is a mentoree in the Placer Rep Mentorship Program and is the Digital Media Director for Placer Rep's digital media content. Gerberding's background includes shows with Big Idea and Green Valley theater companies. The cast is rounded out by **Elizabeth Anne Springett**, a professional actress with Sacramento Theater Company and board member of the Capital Film Arts Alliance, **Delton Engle-Sorrell**, a professional actor and voice-over artist in training and U C Davis senior **Katie Halls**, who plays Miss Mary Morstan, Dr. Watson's love interest.

Placer Repertory Theater was all set in early 2020 to announce its inaugural season, starting with the new work, *My Jekyll & Hyde*, when worldwide health concerns emerged. Committed to serving Placer County, Placer Rep delivers its programs and events through digital recordings and livestream events until it is appropriate to once again present its offerings to live audiences. Contact Placer Rep (www.placerrep.org) to be added to their email list to receive information on their events and programs.

Placer Repertory Theater is a new professional performing arts nonprofit organization with the mission to offer educational and quality-of-life enriching professional performing arts and cultural programs relevant to the people of Placer County, while supporting local organizations and acting as an economic engine for the area.

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