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Placer County Historical Societies Featured & Sanjay R. Singhal shares a new poem for Placer Rep's June LAB

FREE PUBLIC EVENT - zoom link: Outreach@PlacerRep.org

Placer Repertory Theater's ColLABoration LAB on June 24 at 7 p.m. features the Rocklin and Roseville Historical Societies, Southern Pacific Railroad History Museum and author Sanjay R. Singhal with a new poem. Other guests include Steve Pagano of The Rockstar Music Academy, "New Beginnings" actor Anthony Person, new Placer Rep company member Spencer T Gayden, and other area performing and visual artists and cultural organizations. Placer Rep's Teresa Stirling Forsyth, board president, will also profile the July 31st live theatrical event, "New Beginnings: A new work about the Historic Placer County Roundhouses," at which audience members are invited to provide feedback and NAME THAT PLAY. The theme for the June 24 LAB is "The Promise of Bounty," a lens which focuses on creative growth, planning, toil and anticipation of bringing an artistic work to fruition. This month's hosts are Placer Rep company members Kevin Foster, Outreach Director, and Spencer T Gayden, the new Digital & Social Media Director.

A partial line-up of performers, presenters, and organizations & creatives to be profiled include:

- Kate Burton: I Am Theatre (video & discussion)
- Sanjay R. Singhal, author and architect (live)
- Rocklin Historical Society (discussion)
- Steve Pagano, The Rockstar Music Academy, Founder (live)
- Roseville Historical Society (discussion)
- Southern Pacific Railroad History Museum (discussion)
- Placer Repertory Theater "New Beginnings" project (live)
- Anthony Person, actor (live)
- North Tahoe Arts (discussion)
- Spencer T Gayden, performer / writer (live)
- Kevin Foster, performer / writer (live)

Creatives who wish to join in the discussion and nonparticipating general audience members are welcome. Open to the public; simply contact Placer Rep (PlacerRep.org) for the Zoom link. Collaboration LAB is a FREE monthly open stage / open mic for the arts, culture and humanities hosted by Placer Repertory Theater via Zoom, on the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (Pacific), January through October 2021. Funded by a grant from the Arts Council of Placer



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County, participants register in advance via email (boxoffice@placerrep.org) for a presentation slot, and may try out new material, share a new work, hone their performance or presentation skills, seek collaborators, market themselves or their group, and may choose to receive feedback from attendees. Creatives and cultural advocates come together to incubate new works and ideas in an open and supportive atmosphere.

Placer Repertory Theater (www.PlacerRep.org) is a 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. Follow Placer Repertory Theater on Facebook (PlacerRep) and Instagram: @PlacerRep.

Contact: Kevin Foster, Outreach Director at Outreach@PlacerRep.org.



TERESA STIRLING FORSYTH – Producing Artistic Director

With an MFA in Dramatic Arts and an MS in Business Management & Leadership, this former Silicon Valley high-tech VP and critically acclaimed professional director/playwright also plays the role of Producing Artistic Director for Placer Repertory Theater. Previously, the artistic director for two San Francisco theater companies and founder/board president of an economic & workforce development nonprofit organization for Santa Cruz County, her performing arts background includes international tours as an actor/singer/dancer, and director/playwright for national and international touring productions with renown performing artists, such as Brenda Wong Aoki, and companies like Dell'Arte International. As an educator, she has instructed and directed at UC Davis, University of San Francisco, Shawnee State University and other educational institutions. Projects on which Forsyth worked performed at venues such as the Kennedy Center, the Smithsonian, Dallas Theatre Center, San Diego Repertory Theater and many other renown venues, and received Dramalogue Awards, Critics Circle Awards, Indy Award: Best Spoken Word Album, as well as numerous grants from the NEA, NEH, CAC and corporations. She is a member of the professional organizations: The Dramatists Guild, The Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE), TCG and NNPN/New Play Exchange.



KEVIN FOSTER - Outreach Director

Kevin Foster is a Rocklin local and Sacramento area native, excited to work at Placer Repertory as Outreach Director and in various other capacities. He began training in acting at UC Davis whilst earning his B.A. in Music Performance. After graduating, he performed at Davis Musical Theater Company in *Peter Pan*, *The King and I*, *Damn Yankees*, and the Elly Award winning production of *Chicago*. His other credits include *The Importance of Being Earnest* at Chautauqua Playhouse and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* at Sacramento Theater company, where he is currently teaching youth classes. You may see him in Placer Rep's new digital series *Sherlock Holmes: Domestic Mysteries* on YouTube.



SPENCER T GAYDEN - Digital & Social Media Director

Spencer T Gayden moved to Placer County at the age of seven, where he discovered his love of theatre while attending Horizon Charter School. For five years, Spencer has been an instructor and director with Royal Stage Christian Performing Arts; he also manages social and digital media for local education non-profit IntelliBricks and has worked for the character company Sevilla Magic FX. Recently, audiences saw Spencer in an original musical with Curious Theatre Works, a small local experimental theatre group. While at William Jessup University, he enjoyed performing roles such as Howard Bevans in Picnic, Professor Plum in Clue, and Ben Gunn in Treasure Island.

Guests for the June 24 2021 Line-up:



STEVE PAGANO, FOUNDER OF ROCKSTAR MUSIC ACADEMY-

VOTED LINCOLN'S BEST MUSIC INSTRUCTION. Traditional music lessons are boring & uninspiring. Our approach is different. One on one personalized instruction, groups & ensembles, and drop-in classes of all kinds. We are ALL ABOUT AWESOME!



SANJAY R. SINGHAL - Author, Architect

Sanjay R Singhal, RA is an architect, an interior designer, a strictly amateur painter and artist, and an emerging writer. Born in India, Sanjay emigrated to the United States at the tender age of three, living and travelling across the country in places as varied and as unique as his own persona. Additionally, Sanjay has travelled extensively abroad, and has lived, at times, in both Paris and in Rome, and is currently writing about his journeys there.



ROCKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The mission of Rocklin Historical Society is to generate community interest for the preservation of Rocklin's heritage. The Rocklin Historical Society is Rocklin's voice in memorializing Rocklin's unique history and in preserving the artifacts of that history. The society grants scholarships each year to Rocklin School District high school seniors who will be studying history-related subjects in college. The society has an endowment at the Placer County Community Foundation and has received significant donations by participating with the foundation in the

yearly Big Day of Giving.



ROSEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Roseville Historical Society is based within the historic Carnegie Museum, housed in Roseville's first permanent library. Its goal is to promote and preserve the history of Roseville. Their collection of artifacts is large and varied and encompasses local railroad, military, medical, and musical history. Early Roseville maps and documents, along with 100 years of Roseville newspapers are available in its archives.

THE EVENT

June 24, 2021 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

Email Outreach@placerrep.org for the Zoom link, or to request a slot.

<https://placerrep.org/programs/collaboration-lab/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/205226198086703>

DETAILS

WHAT:

Placer Repertory Theater presents the live-stream Zoom event: Collaboration LAB, featuring new presentations, performances and works by Placer County and Greater Sacramento Area creatives and cultural organizations. Hosted by Kevin Foster, Outreach Director, Spencer Gayden, Digital & Social Media Director, and T.S. Forsyth, Producing Artistic Director.

WHERE:

Livestream via Zoom. Email Outreach@PlacerRep.org for the Zoom link.

WHEN:

Thursday, June 24th at 7 p.m. Pacific

TICKETS:

Email Outreach@placerrep.org to receive the Zoom link, or to schedule a presenter slot for April – October 2021.

WHO:

Co-Hosts: Kevin Foster & Spencer T Gayden

Producing Artistic Director: T. S. Forsyth

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