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Open Auditions for World Premiere of Persuasion

Placer Repertory Theater seeks a cast of twelve actors for the world premiere of *Persuasion*, a holiday romantic comedy based upon the Jane Austen novel, adapted by T. S. Forsyth. The works will be performed live at the Roseville High School mainstage December 3, 4, 10 & 11 to socially distanced audiences. This open call seeks non-AEA performers with COVID vaccination, professional experience and/or training, and/or raw talent seeking a professional growth opportunity, who are encouraged to visit the audition notice (<http://PlacerRep.org>) and submit the requested materials for consideration September 27 through Friday, October 8, 2021. All performers receive pay for rehearsals and performances.

The *Persuasion* audition notice is posted on Placer Rep's website and includes all the digital audition requirements and recommendations. Callbacks begin Sunday, October 10. Those invited to call-back auditions shall receive further instruction. Rehearsal schedule for *Persuasion* is based upon the cast's availability. Digital submissions for those who are not cast are saved and reviewed for future casting opportunities.

"I can only imagine that actors will want to fly at the chance to perform in Placer Repertory Theater's production of *Persuasion*. Not only is *Persuasion* one of Jane Austen's most fascinating stories, PRT's adaptation has been written by T.S. Forsyth, a world-class professional playwright, who has brought all of Austen's idiosyncratic, cheerfully dysfunctional characters and the cantilevered universe in which they exist to sparkling, vibrant life. For the actor, PRT's *Persuasion* is sheer theatrical catnip," said Anne Merino, Theater Faculty at William Jessup University, former ballerina and professional actor, and PRT board member.



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The playwright, T.S. Forsyth, describes this world premiere of *Persuasion* as: the story of Miss Anne Elliot, middle daughter to Sir Walter Elliot, who has spent the last eight years dutiful and depressed amongst her comically dysfunctional family and social circle ever since she was persuaded by her father and Lady Russel to break her engagement to Commander Frederick Wentworth. But now, through a series of circumstances, the love of her life returns from the war a wealthy Captain. At 27, will she succumb to the persuasions of her family and friends, and not renew her relationship with Captain Wentworth to end her days a spinster, or will she successfully persuade her comical social circle to accept the Captain – assuming she can help the Captain overcome his bitterness toward her and renew his tender feelings – or shall she marry a charming gentleman she comes to know in Bath, who makes his interest abundantly clear at a Holiday concert? This romantic comedy is set in Somersetshire then Bath England in the Autumn and Winter of 1814 and is written for 12 to 32 actors.

The world premiere of *Persuasion: a holiday romantic comedy* performs Friday, December 3 and December 10 at 7 p.m. and performs Saturday, December 4 and December 11 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Roseville High School mainstage with socially distanced seating. Tickets will be made available on Eventbrite as of November 1, 2021.

Placer Repertory Theater (<https://PlacerRep.org>) is a 501(c)3 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, Twitter and Instagram: @PlacerRep, and subscribe to our YouTube Channel to access our digital recordings.

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



TERESA STIRLING FORSYTH – Producing Artistic Director

MFA Dramatic Arts, MS Business Management & Leadership, this critically acclaimed professional director/playwright plays the role of Producing Artistic Director for Placer Repertory Theater. Previously, the artistic director for two San Francisco theater companies, 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, University of Minnesota, and other educational institutions.

Projects on which Forsyth worked performed at venues such as the Kennedy



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Center, the Smithsonian, Dallas Theatre Center, San Diego Repertory Theater, and many other renown venues, and her work 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 while earning his B.A. in Music Performance. After graduation and his return from a professional stint in New York, 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 taught youth theater

classes, and currently teaches at Rockstar Music Academy in Lincoln, CA. You may see him in Placer Rep's World Premiere of *Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of the Four* October 29, 30, November 5, 6 of 2021 as Dr. Watson, or in Placer Rep's digital series *Sherlock Holmes: Domestic Mysteries* on YouTube.

THE EVENT

OPEN AUDITIONS

September 26 through October 8, 2021

See audition notice at <https://PlacerRep.org>

DETAILS

WHAT:

Placer Repertory Theater hosts open auditions for its 2021 WORLD PREMIERE of *Persuasion*, a holiday romantic comedy.

WHERE:

Visit <https://PlacerRep.org> to see the audition notice. Materials are to be submitted to info@placerrep.org. Anticipate Rehearsals & Performances to be held in South Placer County (Roseville/Rocklin/Lincoln area).

WHEN:

Submissions Due EOD Friday, October 8.

TICKETS:



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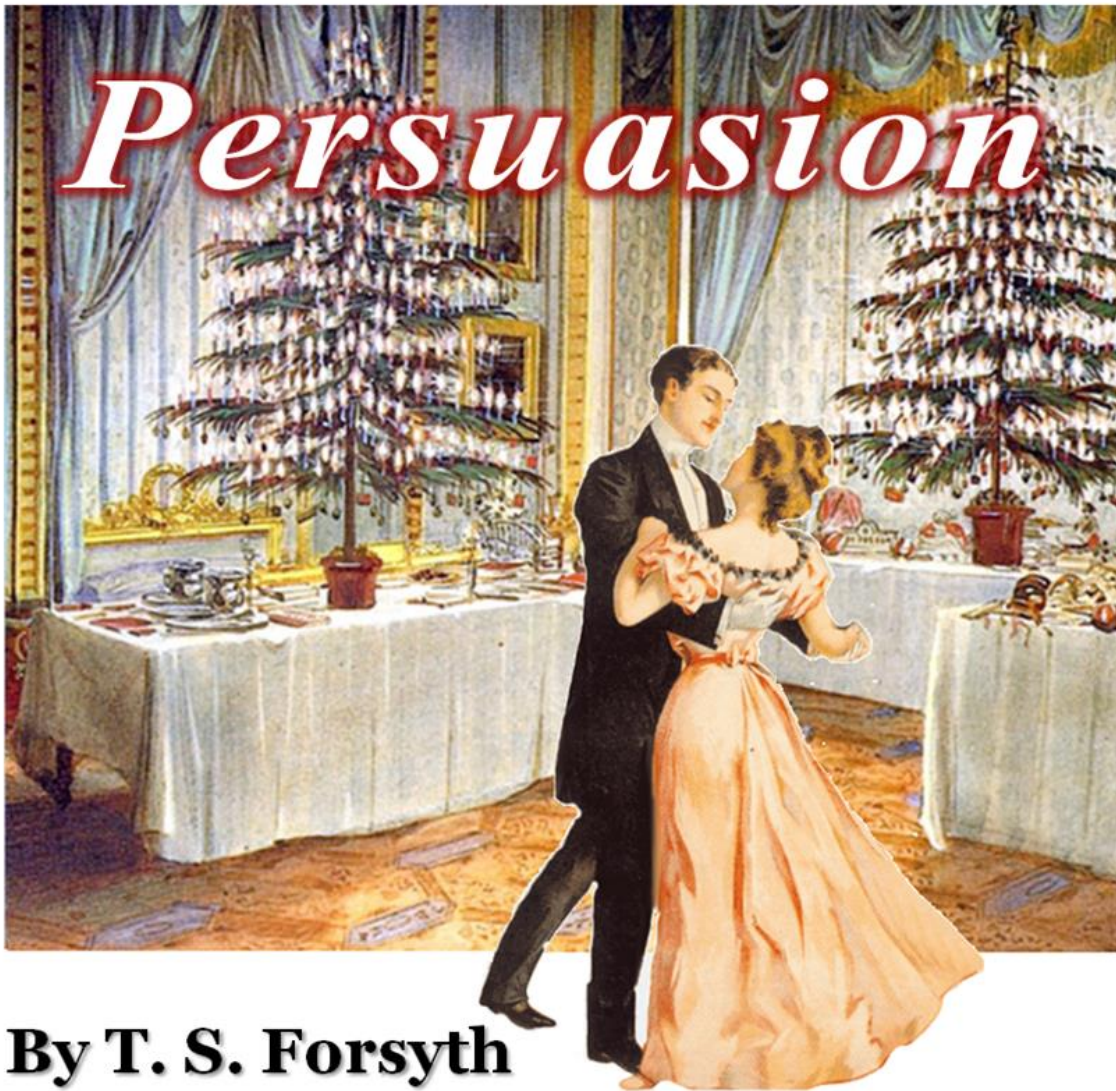
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WHO:

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Producing Artistic Director: T. S. Forsyth



By T. S. Forsyth

Based on the novel by Jane Austen

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