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Catch Placer Rep's Sneak Peek of Kevin Foster's new Solo show

Placer Repertory Theater is excited to share a sneak peek stage-reading of Kevin Foster's solo show, slated for World Premiere in 2022, with a post-show Q&A and opportunity for the audience to provide feedback and meet the actor/playwright on Saturday, October 23 at 7 p.m. in the Parkview meeting room at Johnson-Springview Park in Rocklin, CA, with tickets available on Eventbrite.com (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/181322399177).

This work, commissioned by Placer Repertory Theater in 2021, tells the hilarious yet powerful story of Kevin Foster's journey through romance and heartbreak, from mental illness to clarity. "Art has the potential to plumb the depths of the psyche. I became an artist because I am inspired by those who can comfort others by being vulnerable; in the same vein, I hope to contribute something meaningful through sharing my experiences," said Kevin Foster, the actor/playwright. This work depicts LGBTQ characters and mental illness, and therefore is recommended for ages 13 and up.

"Kevin's persona for this production as a sometimes-unreliable narrator adds a fascinating perspective shift as we view events as if through a kaleidoscope: from Kevin's perspective when in distress, Kevin's perspective when healthy, as well as third-party perspectives of the characters who interact with Kevin onstage, all played by Kevin – which is the beauty and complexity of any solo show," said Teresa Stirling Forsyth, Producing Artistic Director.

Ultimately, Kevin has a message of light and hope to impart, and audiences will leave feeling uplifted. For more information, or to procure tickets for this stage reading of Kevin's solo show and attend the post-show Q&A, please visit Eventbrite.com (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/181322399177).



Placer Repertory Theater is the professional theater company that recently produced "New Beginnings" the Placer County railroad history play in which Kevin Foster played Mr. Bridgers the newspaper reporter and is currently in rehearsals for the stage reading of Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of the Four, which performs November 13 at the Veteran's Hall in Roseville, in which Kevin Foster plays Dr. Watson.

Placer Repertory Theater (<u>PlacerRep.org</u>) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit professional performing arts and culture 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 and Instagram: @PlacerRep.

Contact Kevin Foster, Outreach Director, at Outreach@PlacerRep.org, or Teresa Stirling Forsyth, Producing Artistic Director, at ArtisticDirector@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 directing/playwriting 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 Center, the Smithsonian, Dallas Theatre Center, San Diego Repertory Theatre 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. Most recently for Placer Repertory Theater, she is the playwright/director for *Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of the Four* and *Persuasion: a holiday romantic comedy* with world premieres this October and December, co-author, dramaturg, director and actor mentor for *My Jekyll & Hyde* and was the director, dramaturg and playwright mentor for *New Beginnings: the new play about the historic Placer County Roundhouses.* 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.



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KEVIN FOSTER - Outreach Director

Kevin Foster is an area local excited to work at Placer Repertory as Outreach Director. He began training in acting at UC Davis while 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 has taught youth performing arts classes. He currently teaches for Rockstar Music Academy in Lincoln. Kevin also may be seen in Placer Rep's digital short series *Sherlock Holmes: Domestic Mysteries* on YouTube and Facebook and starring in Placer Rep's world premiere production of Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of the Four October 29 through November 6 as Dr. Watson.

THE EVENT

WHO:

Placer Repertory Theater - https://PlacerRep.org

WHAT: An event:

"Kevin Foster Solo Show – A Stage Reading," a live stage-reading of Kevin Foster's comedic yet poignant solo show, with a post-show Q&A.

WHERE:

Parkview meeting room, Johnson-Springview Park, 5480 5th Street, Rocklin CA 95677

WHEN:

One showing: Saturday, October 23, 2021 @ 7PM

TICKETS/FMI:

Available via Eventbrite.com, \$10 per person

Tickets in advance highly encouraged due to limited seating for social distancing. Eventbrite.com link: (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/181322399177)

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Performed & Written By **Kevin Foster**

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FMI/Tickets: eventbrite

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