



Placer Repertory Theater

Performing arts, cultural & economic enrichment for Placer County

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Annual Placer Rep Holiday Party to be Emceed by Comedian Funny Robert

Comedian Funny Robert will perform stand-up comedy, facilitate games, contests and open stage/open mic opportunities as part of the merriment at the 2021 Annual “Placer Rep Holiday Party.” This year, Placer Repertory Theater and The Rockstar Music Academy are partnering to offer this event on Thursday, December 16, 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Civic Auditorium.

While this event is held annually by Placer Repertory Theater, this year they are joined by The Rockstar Music Academy to double the fun. “We provide some professional entertainment each year, then open the stage to anything related to performing arts, culture and humanities from singing to reading poetry to sharing a new work of art, and hold a few contests where prizes can be won, but the most valuable element of the night is networking with and meeting new creatives in the arts, culture and humanities,” said Teresa Stirling Forsyth, Producing Artistic Director for Placer Repertory Theater.

“This year we are so very honored to include our partner The Rockstar Music Academy in this evening of creativity, fun and organized chaos -- it’s a party! It is also a wonderful way for us to thank everyone for their love and support this season, and to celebrate and close out the year,” said Kevin Foster, Placer Rep Outreach Director, and Musical Performance Instructor for Rockstar Music Academy.

Reservations for the Placer Rep Annual Holiday Party may be made on Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/220232299737>). The ticket type for this event is a donation ticket. “Patrons donate whatever they feel comfortable giving, which allows all who are interested to attend. And while everyone is invited, unfortunately, seating is limited, due to social distancing, so it is important to make your reservations sooner than later,” said Blair Hartman, Program Operations Manager for Placer Rep.

Audiences might recall Placer Repertory Theater as the professional company that commissioned and recently produced the “New Beginnings” event partnered with the Rocklin & Roseville Historical Societies, featuring a new play about Placer County railroad history in July of 2021. Placer Rep is also the performing arts organization that recently won Gold Country Media’s “The Best of the Best: Best Live Theatrical Group”



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for Rocklin, produced *From the Mind of Scott Charles* in September 2021, *A Solo Show* with Kevin Foster in October 2021, *An Evening with Sherlock Holmes* in November 2021, and *The Jane Austen Soiree* on December 11, 2021.

Placer Repertory Theater (PlacerRep.org) 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.

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BIOS – THE TEAM



FUNNY ROBERT – Standup Comedian

A graduate of the San Francisco Comedy College, he has performed regionally throughout California, as well as in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada, and Austin, Texas. As an Emcee, he has hosted professional comedy shows, as well as open mic nights for professional clubs. Among his favorite performances is his evening at The Improv in San Jose and performing as a featured comedian at Rooster T. Feathers in Sunnyvale. He draws his comedy from his family, work and the comic-tragedy that is the human existence.



TERESA STIRLING FORSYTH – Producing Artistic Director,

A resident of Rocklin, 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/or 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



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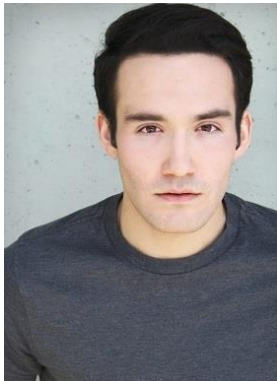
is the playwright/director for *Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of the Four* and *Persuasion: a holiday romantic comedy*, co-author / dramaturg / director, and actor mentor for *My Jekyll & Hyde*. and was the director / dramaturg / playwriting mentor for *New Beginnings: the new play about the historic Placer 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.



BLAIR HARTMAN – Program Operations Manager, Stage Manager

Roseville resident Blair Hartman is a graduate of Allegheny College with a BA in Theater and a demonstrated history of working in the performing arts on both east and west coasts. During her undergraduate career, Blair involved herself in both community and college theater, taking on technical, managerial, and creative roles, and completed her thesis by directing and writing a devised project entitled *Goddess*. She gained her post-graduate sea legs as a Production Manager at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City, managing Concert Halls

events and productions as well as community programming and outreach in the boroughs. This trajectory led Blair to delve into a career freelancing for such companies as Roundabout Theatre Company, SoHo Repertory Theatre, The New Group, and The Public Theatre. Blair is thrilled to join Placer Repertory Theater as Program Operations Manager in their 2021-2022 season!



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. Kevin recently played Dr. Watson in “An Evening with Sherlock Holmes,” and also may

be seen as Dr. Watson in Placer Rep’s digital short series *Sherlock Holmes: Domestic Mysteries* on YouTube and Facebook. He currently teaches for Rockstar Music Academy in Lincoln and is working on his solo show commissioned by Placer Rep for a 2022 world premiere.



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THE EVENT

WHO:

Placer Repertory Theater - <https://PlacerRep.org>

WHAT: Event:

The Placer Rep 2021 Annual Holiday Party

WHERE:

The Lincoln Civic Auditorium, 511 5th Street, Lincoln, CA

WHEN:

Thursday, December 16, 2021

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

TICKETS/FMI:

General seating.

Reservations in advance highly recommended. Seating limited due to social distancing.

FMI: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/220232299737>

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WINNER: *Best Live Theatrical Group*

Placer Repertory Theater provides cultural enrichment and economic growth



Placer Repertory Theater became a nonprofit organization in April 2020. Placer Rep provides professional performing arts and cultural programming for Placer County.

The organization seeks cultural enrichment and economic growth through the incubation and development of voices and works reflective of the community served, and champions partnership and cultural exploration across a breadth of disciplines within the arts, culture and humanities.

There are live and digital productions, events and

educational programs.

Placer Rep sets a high bar of professional excellence. Its focus is on talent development and professional growth through new plays and reimagined works relevant to Placer County.

The organization was founded as a place for seasoned professionals to exercise their craft as it bridges the gap for early career professionals from preparation programs to professional employment.

Placer Rep's seasoned performers, creatives, administrators and technical team members are educated, credentialed and possess prior professional experience.

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- **INFO:** 916-884-0055, placerep.org



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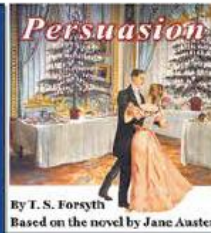
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