



# Placer Repertory Theater

Performing arts, cultural & economic enrichment for Placer County

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### **Placer Rep extends its Educational Outreach Program**

Due to the popularity of the Placer Repertory Theater Literature, Literacy & Libraries educational outreach program for Fall 2021, which performs outreach to educational institutions that serve middle and high school students, Placer Rep is officially extending this outreach program through the end of the academic year, June 2022, and it now includes two milestone events as well as the original plan for a World Premiere of a new play inspired by literature.

The original program performed customized language arts and dramatic arts outreach to students through October 2021 culminating in a world premiere of a new play based upon a work of Literature. “Our goal for the educational outreach program is to encourage reading, help others find their passion and inspiration by engaging with our public libraries, as our playwright was inspired to create something new by adapting a work of literature to the stage,” said Blair Hartman, Program Operations Manager for Placer Repertory Theater. To accomplish this outreach program, Placer Rep is partnered with the Rocklin Friends of the Library ([RocklinFriends.org](http://RocklinFriends.org)).

However, when performing the outreach to educational organizations, including Language Arts and Dramatic Arts department chairs, many schools wanted to participate but were not able to schedule Placer Rep into the classroom until the second semester of the school year (2022). Placer Rep began scheduling workshops and lectures for 2022 while reviewing the program parameters and made the decision to grow the entire outreach program.

While Placer Rep continues to reach out to educational institutions, they are also offering two milestone events in 2021 as an example of how one can be inspired by what they read. Saturday November 13, Placer Rep presents “An Evening with Sherlock Holmes,” featuring an energetic stage-reading of the new play *Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of the Four*, a post-show Q&A, and an opportunity to meet the actors, director, and



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playwright. More information on this event may be found on Eventbrite.com

(<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-sherlock-holmes-tickets-188044103977>)

The second milestone event, on Saturday, December 11, is *The Jane Austen Soiree*. This event is sponsored by Armrod Charitable Trust, the Arts Council of Placer County, Rockstar Music Academy and private donors. Partnered with Rockstar Music Academy of Lincoln, Placer Rep and Rockstar offer a rich evening that transports audiences back to the time of Jane Austen. Audiences are encouraged to arrive in period costume, enjoy refreshments, learn and join in the 'contra dance' just like in a Jane Austen film, hear fascinating historical information and the social expectations of the period from the Event Social Director/Hostess, participate in the audience costume parade, win beautiful gift baskets from local merchants and makers, see top-notch professional actors perform the stage-reading of *Persuasion: a romantic comedy*, and stay for the post-show Q&A and meet the actors, director/playwright and the creative team.

As Placer Rep performs its outreach to the end of the 2021-2022 academic year, the outreach program completes with a culminating event: the mainstage World Premiere of a new play inspired by and based upon a work of literature in Spring/Summer 2022.

Placer Rep is particularly grateful to be partnered with Rockstar Music Academy ([TheRockstarMusicAcademy.com](http://TheRockstarMusicAcademy.com)) for the Jane Austen Soiree event, and the Rocklin Friends of the Library for this educational outreach program. The Rocklin Friends promote and operate programs for and in conjunction with the Placer County Public Library to the enrichment of our local community. More information about the Rocklin Friends of the Library may be found on their web site, [RocklinFriends.org](http://RocklinFriends.org).

"We are so happy this program is of interest to so many educators. I'm particularly grateful to our early adopters, for example: Jacqueline MacKusick of Oakmont High School who offered to be a reference after we taught Playwrighting to her 48 drama club students in September 2021, Jennifer Dithridge-Saigeon, Drama Department Chair of Roseville High School who has booked us for three visitations in 2022, Media Specialist / Librarian Louise Fairbairn of Chilton Middle School for promoting our outreach program to Language Arts and Dramatic Arts educators, and Steve Pagano of Rockstar Music Academy where our Outreach Director, Kevin Foster has taught acting, voice and musical theater. We're also excited by recent adopters, like Foresthill High School," said Teresa Stirling Forsyth, Producing Artistic Director for Placer Repertory Theater.

"While we would love to serve everyone, there is a limit to the number of schools and departments to which we can visit and provide this free service. Due to the popularity of the program, we've extended it through June 2022, but recommend interested

educators reach out now to ensure they are added to our program calendar for 2021-2022 academic year,” said Kevin Foster, Outreach Director for Placer Rep.

Audiences might recall Placer Repertory Theater as the professional company that commissioned and recently produced the “New Beginnings” event, featuring a new play about Placer County railroad history in July of 2021 who recently won Gold Country Media’s “The Best of the Best: Best Live Theatrical Group.”

Placer Repertory Theater ([PlacerRep.org](http://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.

Contact Kevin Foster, Outreach Director, at [Outreach@PlacerRep.org](mailto:Outreach@PlacerRep.org), or Teresa Stirling Forsyth, Producing Artistic Director, at [ArtisticDirector@PlacerRep.org](mailto:ArtisticDirector@PlacerRep.org).

## BIOS – THE TEAM



**TERESA STIRLING FORSYTH – Producing Artistic Director, Director/Playwright**

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* 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.



### **BLAIR HARTMAN – Program Operations Manager**

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, Dr. Watson (Track 2)**

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 and is working on his solo show commissioned by Placer Rep for a 2022 world premiere. Kevin also may be seen in Placer Rep's digital short series *Sherlock Holmes: Domestic Mysteries* on YouTube and Facebook and performing in Placer Rep's "The Jane Austen Soire" on December 11, 2021 at the Lincoln Civic Center.



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## THE EVENT

### WHO:

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

### WHAT: Outreach Program:

Literature, Literacy & Libraries Educational Outreach Program: free custom educational offerings for Language Arts and Dramatic Arts educators, featuring two milestone events (“An evening with Sherlock Holmes” and “The Jane Austen Soiree”) and a 2022 mainstage World Premiere of a new play inspired by literature.

### WHERE:

Outreach in the classroom or via zoom.

“An Evening with Sherlock Holmes” @ the Roseville Veteran’s Memorial Hall, 110 Park Drive, Roseville, CA 95678

“The Jane Austen Soiree” @ The Lincoln Civic Auditorium, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, CA

### WHEN:

LLL Outreach Program: Academic year 2021-2022.

“An Evening with Sherlock Holmes” - Saturday, November 13, 2021

“The Jane Austen Soiree” – Saturday, December 11, 2021

### TICKETS/FMI:

**Available via Eventbrite.com, general seating**

Please purchase tickets in advance. Seating is limited due to social distancing.  
Eventbrite.com links:



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An Evening with Sherlock Holmes: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/182994420237>

The Jane Austen Soiree - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/194079556177>

THREE GRAPHICS BELOW:

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PRESENTS

## An Evening with Sherlock Holmes

*Featuring a stage reading of*  
**SHERLOCK HOLMES:  
The Sign of the Four**



By T.S. Forsyth  
A comedic detective mystery  
based upon the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

**Saturday, November 13, 2021**  
General audiences (ages 8 and up) • Roseville Veteran's Memorial Hall



**SHERLOCK HOLMES**  
Matthew Heyer



**DR. WATSON**  
Kevin Foster



**MISS MARY MORSTAN**  
Tadjia Enos



**MRS. HUDSON**  
Crystal Neher-Evans



**INSPECTOR JONES**  
Spencer T Gayden



**MR. SMALL**  
Kyla Quinn

FMI / Tickets: 



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The *first live-stage reading* of

# *Persuasion*

**A holiday romantic comedy**

By T.S. Forsyth

Adapted from the Jane Austen novel

**Saturday, December 11**

2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Lincoln Civic Center, 511 5th St, Lincoln, CA

General audiences (ages 8 and up)

FMI / Tickets: **eventbrite**



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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.

### PLACER REPERTORY THEATER

- **BUSINESS OWNER:** Teresa Stirling Forsyth, Founder/President
- **WHERE:** 2351 Sunset Blvd., Suite 170-209
- **INFO:** 916-884-0055, [placerep.org](http://placerep.org)



Season 1, episode 1: Water Under the Bridge

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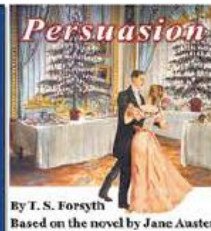
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