



Placer Repertory Theater

Performing arts, cultural & economic enrichment for Placer County

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Placer Rep WINS Five Theatrical Awards

Like the little engine that could, this nascent professional performing arts organization founded officially in April of 2020, continues to climb mountains and gain speed, despite the pandemic and economic challenges, to win five regional theatrical awards for Placer Repertory Theater's 2020/2021 season.

Broadway World Sacramento Region (serving Northern California) called for nominations in late 2021 for the annual regional Broadway World Awards. "I did nominate Placer Rep for a couple of the categories, but as our company is officially less than two years old, I never thought our name would actually make it onto the final ballot. So, you can imagine, it was a complete surprise to find out we were officially nominated and on the ballot for SEVEN regional awards. Thank you to everyone who participated in both the nominations and the voting," said Teresa Stirling Forsyth, Producing Artistic Director.

"We were just happy to be on the ballot for seven categories," said Outreach Director, Kevin Foster, "to actually win four of those awards blew us away...we are grateful for such tremendous support." It was announced January 14, 2022, that Placer Rep did indeed win four regional Broadway World Awards:

- Best Performer in a Streaming Play – Anne Merino – A Jane Austen Holiday
- Best Supporting Performer in a Streaming Play – Kevin Foster – A Jane Austen Holiday
- Best Production of the Year (in-person) – New Beginnings -- Playwright: Ryan Gerberding, Producer/Director/Dramaturg: Teresa Stirling Forsyth
- Best Direction of a Play -- My Jekyll & Hyde – Teresa Stirling Forsyth

"I was absolutely gob smacked to be nominated ... and beyond thrilled to have actually won," said William Jessup University faculty member Anne Merino, "it's the highlight of 2022 so far! Huge thanks to the fans of PRT for voting and to Tess Forsyth for including me in the terrific cast of *A Jane Austen Holiday*."

Placer Rep's first regional award was announced in August 2021. Unbeknownst to Placer Rep, Gold Country Media was holding an annual poll, "Best of the Best" for the Placer Herald newspaper. Although Placer Rep was not one of the theater companies listed on the ballot, area readers of their own volition wrote in the name of Placer Repertory Theater, earning the theater



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company the award *Best Live Theatrical Group* for 2021. "Winning Best of the Best is an honor that inspires us to continue bringing quality programming and productions to serve our community...this is a sign of more great things to come," said Kevin Foster.

Currently, Placer Repertory Theater is operating four programs with which audiences may engage:

- **CoLLABoration LAB** - an open stage/mic for new work incubation and networking
- **The Writers Workshop** – professional actors read works in progress, professional facilitator works with the writer and actors to accelerate writer and work development
- **Pilot Program: Interactive Adventure Theater** – immersive theater experience combining role playing games with improvisation and audience participation in the adventure and storytelling.
- **LLL Outreach Program** – outreach to Language Arts & Theater Arts instructors and students in Placer County.

To participate in these programs, visit [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com), Placer Rep's Facebook Page ([/PlacerRep](https://www.facebook.com/PlacerRep)) or email Outreach@PlacerRep.org.

Placer Repertory Theater ([PlacerRep.org](https://www.PlacerRep.org)) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit professional performing arts and cultural 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



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

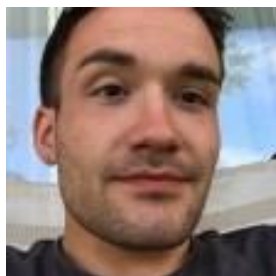
With an MFA in Dramatic Arts and an MS in Business Management & Leadership, this former Silicon Valley high-tech VP and critically acclaimed professional director/playwright also plays the role of Producing Artistic Director for Placer Repertory Theater. Previously, the artistic director for two San 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



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many other renown venues, and received Dramalogue Awards, Critics Circle Awards, Indy Award: Best Spoken Word Album, Broadway World Awards, 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*, author for the upcoming world premiere of *My Jekyll & Hyde* and director/dramaturg 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.



KEVIN FOSTER - Outreach Director, Acting Company Member

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, in Placer Rep's "The Jane Austen Soiree" and "An Evening with Sherlock Holmes," in 2021, and recently won a Broadway World award as a supporting actor in *Persuasion / A Jane Austen Holiday* in December 2020.



ANNE MERINO – Board Secretary, Acting Company Member

Merino began her career dancing for notable companies such as American Ballet Theatre and the London Festival Ballet. A prolific choreographer, she won the Vanguard Award for Choreography. Merino's traditional theatrical training was received at Chicago's Goodman Theatre, Second City with Del Close and Jim Belushi and later trained under Alan Rickman at the British American Drama Academy. As an actress, and former member of AEA, SAG/AFTRA, Ms. Merino performed with The Groundlings and Tim Robbins' The

Actors' Gang and is a member of the theatre department faculty at William Jessup University. As a writer, she recently won film festival awards for her screenplay, *"The Season of the Wolf,"* and received critical acclaim for her recently released novel, *Hawkesmoor*.



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ABOUT PLACER REPERTORY THEATER, Programs

WHO:

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

WHAT: Currently Operating Programs

- CollABoration LAB – new work incubation & networking
- The Writers Workshop – Feedback and workshopping to hone your writing
- Pilot Program: Interactive Adventure Theater – role-playing & improv immersive adventure
- LLL Educational Outreach Program – outreach to Language Arts & Dramatic Arts educators and their students to inspire creativity and encourage engagement with literature and libraries.

WHERE:

Collaboration LAB, Writers Workshop & Interactive Adventure Theater are held at:

401-B Vernon Street (backside of First Bank) in Roseville, CA

LLL Outreach is performed via Zoom and on-site in Placer County Middle & High Schools.

WHEN:

- CollABoration LAB – Fourth Wednesday of the Month, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Writers Workshop – Fourth Sunday of the Month, 3 to 5 p.m.
- Interactive Adventure Theater – Fourth Sunday of the Month – 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- LLL Outreach Program: Academic year 2021-2022 (ends June 2022).

FMI / To REGISTER:

Placer Rep on Eventbrite.com: <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/ca--roseville/placer-repertory-theater/>

Please register (reserve your seat) in advance. Seating is limited due to social distancing.

Eventbrite.com links by program:

- CollABoration LAB: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/collaboration-lab-tickets-242572710507>



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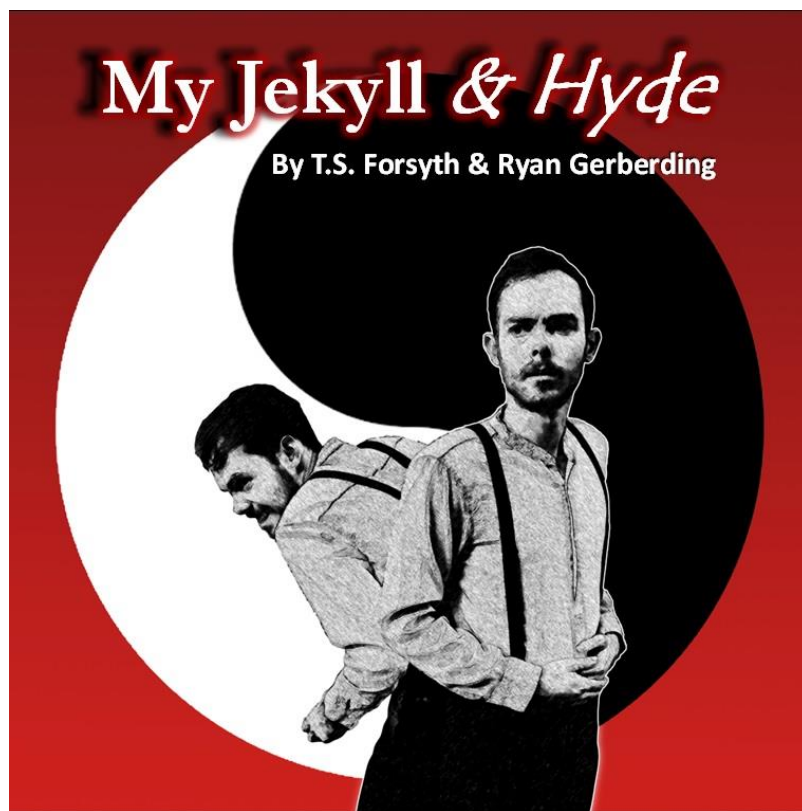
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- The Writers Workshop: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-writers-workshop-masterclass-680-tickets-242585227947>
- Pilot Program: Interactive Adventure Theater: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pilot-program-interactive-adventure-theater-tickets-242594234887>

COVID Info:

Placer Rep meets or exceeds all venue, Placer County and CA State COVID guidelines.

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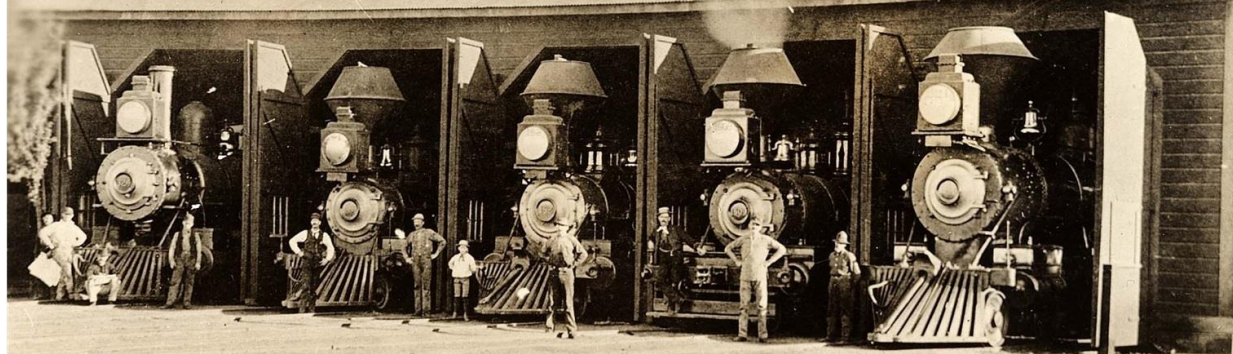
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NEW BEGINNINGS

July 31 @ Wm Jessup Univ, 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.



A new work about the Historic Placer County Roundhouses.

With a post-show Q&A; Audiences are invited to NAME THAT PLAY!

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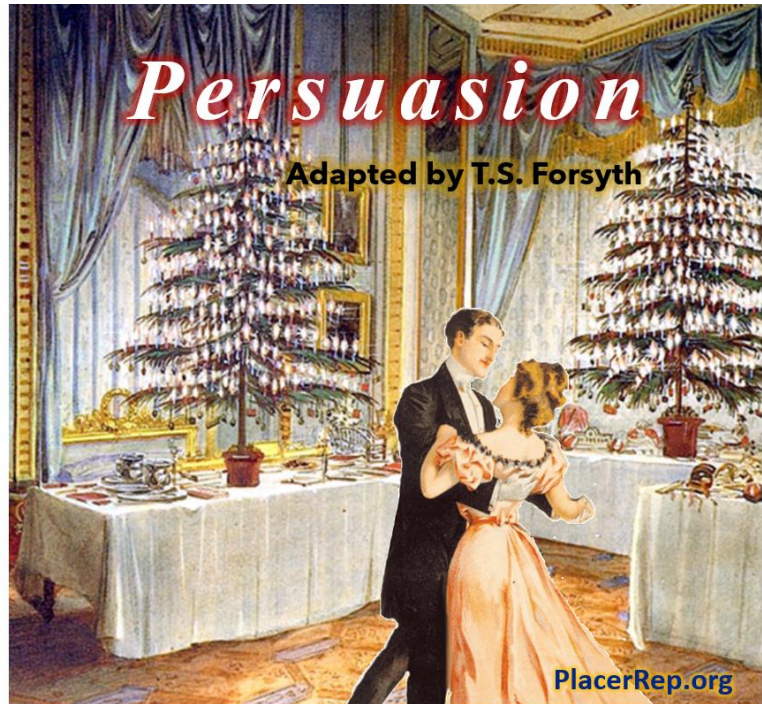
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A JANE AUSTEN HOLIDAY

FEATURING

A livestreamed performance of a
new romantic comedy
adapted from Jane Austen's novel

December 12, 2020



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Presents

"WEEK FOUR" Monthly Programs

- CoLLABoration LAB
- Writers Workshop
- Interactive Adventure Theater

**401-B, Vernon St
Roseville**

FMI: [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)



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ColLABoration

A FREE OPEN MIC and creative LAB
for the Arts, Culture and Humanities

Fourth Wednesday of each month @ 7 p.m.

Live in Person & Live-Streamed via Zoom

FMI: 

Or email Outreach@PlacerRep.org

to reserve your performance slot, seat or get the zoom link.

THE WRITERS WORKSHOP

- Hear professional actors read your work
- Receive peer feedback
- Workshop your writing with the facilitator.
- Networking & performance opportunities.



Professional Growth: Continuing
Education, Masterclass #680

Facilitator: T.S. Forsyth



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Pilot Program

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Adventure Theater**

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