

# Just Among Friends

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The monthly newsletter for Founding Friends of Placer Repertory Theater

## Monthly Show "RIFTS IN TIME" Enters its Next Evolution in May!

By: Kevin Foster

Storytelling will take center stage on May 22 at the next episode of RIFTS IN TIME! This unique and whimsical episodic show features strange yet true history as audience members and professional actors influence an unpredictable adventure through space and time! The mastermind behind RIFTS IN TIME, T.S. Forsyth, hosts each episode and uses her storytelling skills, professional playwrighting background, and game master experience to delight audience members and performers alike!

Thanks to the engagement and feedback we have received, audiences at May's episode will enjoy minute yet crucial changes to RIFTS IN TIME intended to bolster its development -- the goal being to eventually merit the use of a theatrical space and theatrical lighting to further enhance its magic. The ever-evolving nature of this program parallels Placer Rep's internal motto of "never-ending improvement."



Audience members are also key performers at RIFTS IN TIME - From simply raising their hand to vote for what should happen, to suggesting an idea, to jumping up to perform one of the non-player characters in the storyline, their suggestions change the fates of our adventurers. To allow for such dynamic flexibility in RIFTS IN TIME, T.S. Forsyth prepares a dynamic digital storybook which allows her to adapt on the fly. "If a character dies, I can delete that character from the slides. If the performers go off the beaten track, I have extra slides for the variety of directions they might choose to go, plus various generic background slides that fit each month's show. There is always a slide I can turn to and storytelling and role-playing game elements I can employ to concoct unplanned moments based upon the dynamic twists served up to me, as storyteller, by my

collaborators -- namely the audience and the performers," said Forsyth.

We are enthralled to further develop this monthly program with the input of our patrons and the creative inspiration we engender in one another as participants. Come join us as we continue our journey and attempt to heal the Rifts in Time!

RIFTS IN TIME next performs on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 7 PM. Currently, performances are located at 401B Vernon Street, Holistic Lighthouse meeting room, Roseville, on the backside of First Bank. Reservations are recommended, as seating is limited. For more information, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/242594234887>

**JOIN THE ADVENTURE!**



Matt Heyer, Anne Merino, and Kevin Foster

## Best of the Best Voting Closes May 28th

By: Teresa Stirling Forsyth

Placer Herald's poll for "Best of the Best" is open until May 28th. Last year, Placer Repertory Theater won this award in Rocklin for *Best Live Theatrical Group* by write-in; We are on the ballot this year, and hope to repeat last year's win.

We do serve all of Placer County, and encourage partners and patrons from various population areas within Placer County to elect us for whichever categories they see fit. We possess Roseville & Rocklin business licenses, which qualifies us for both regions. Lincoln does not require a business license of 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations, but we have served Lincoln with classes, events, and performances, such as CoLABoration LAB and the Jane Austen Soiree.

***Below are the links for key South Placer County areas.*** Please consider voting for us and our **partners and friends** by filling out the ballot(s) and sharing them with your friends and loved ones.



***We are headquartered in Rocklin!***

<http://bob.goldcountrymedia.com/rocklin>

*Did you know?*

Our monthly programs The Writers Workshop, Rifts in Time, and CoLABoration LAB take place in Roseville... we also performed Sherlock Holmes in Roseville!

<http://bob.goldcountrymedia.com/roseville>



*Did you know?*

Placer Repertory Theater taught songwriting and performed *The Jane Austen Soiree* in Lincoln!

<http://bob.goldcountrymedia.com/lincoln>

*Did you know?*

Placer Repertory Theater serves all of Placer County, and has patrons in San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, and beyond!

<http://bob.goldcountrymedia.com/loomis>

*As always, thank you for your support!*

## Jonathan Moscone Appointed Director of the California Art Council

By: Teresa Stirling Forsyth

Jonathan Moscone, son of former San Francisco Mayor George Moscone, takes up the mantle as the new director of the California Arts Council. Previously serving as the artistic director of California Shakespeare Theater for 15 years, and then chief producer at Yerba Buena Center of the Arts, Moscone is now at the epicenter of statewide influence concerning the predicament of arts funding as it resurfaces from the pandemic.

<https://datebook.sfchronicle.com/entertainment/s-f-s-jonathan-moscone-to-lead-california-arts-council-as-states-top-arts-official>



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## James Ijames Wins Pulitzer for Comedic Riff on 'Hamlet'

By: Kathryn Carner

James Ijames' play *Fat Ham* takes the 2022 Drama Pulitzer for its loose comedic interpretation of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* set in the



American South. Although the play has not seen a live production yet due to COVID, the Pulitzer jury awarded its spring 2021 film premiere.

<https://www.americantheatre.org/2022/05/09/james-ijames-wins-2022-pulitzer-for-fat-ham/>

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