



Placer Repertory Theater

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Placer Rep Nominated for 20 Broadway World Awards

A jaw-dropping twenty nominations in a small handful of categories have been received by Placer Repertory Theater for the 2022 annual Regional Broadway World Awards, as voting continues through December 31. “We could not be more humbled and grateful to our patrons and performing arts colleagues who nominated us for twenty Broadway World Awards. It is an embarrassment of riches, and we feel honored so many reached out to nominate aspects of our shows multiple times in several categories,” said Teresa Stirling Forsyth, Producing Artistic Director for Placer Rep.

Due to the multiple nominations in each category for which Placer Rep was eligible, it is unlikely Placer Rep will win a Regional Broadway World award for 2022, as patrons’ votes in each category will be split between several Placer Rep options. “In 2021, Placer Repertory Theater was nominated for seven and won four Broadway World Awards. For 2022, we don’t anticipate winning awards, but are so touched by the support for our organization, that to us the staggering twenty nominations serve as a special kind of award that expresses our patrons’ love and appreciation for our nascent professional theater company,” said Anne Merino, company member and star of *Ghosts of Placer County*.

For those patrons who wish to vote, Placer Rep has some advice. Placer Rep encourages patrons to focus their votes on the mainstage world premiere, *Ghosts of Placer County*, whenever it is an option in a category. For example, Anne Merino is nominated for Best Actor for *Ghosts of Placer County*, which is nominated for Best Play, and Andy Poston is nominated for Best Sound Design for a Play for *Ghosts of Placer County*. The regional Broadway World Awards for 2022 were announced in November and voting continues through December 31, 2022. To see the ballot or cast votes, visit <https://www.broadwayworld.com/sacramento/voteregion.cfm>.

In addition to the twenty Broadway World Nominations for 2022, Placer Repertory Theater and its artists were also honored this year with two California Arts Council and two Placer County Arts Council grants, were awarded funds from Armrod Charitable Trust, won two 2022 Best of the Best Gold Country Media Awards including Best Live Theatrical Group, and the Board President was named to Marquis’ Who’s Who in



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America and was awarded the Gloria Burt Sacramento Region Arts Fellowship in Literature through the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.

Audiences will remember Placer Repertory Theater as the professional company that recently produced the award-winning mainstage world premiere of *Ghosts of Placer County*, a new play that wove threads of regional history through a poignant mother/daughter drama, and *New Beginnings* – an original play about Placer County railroad history, as well as *An Evening with Sherlock Holmes* and the award winning, critically acclaimed, *The Jane Austen Soiree featuring Persuasion: A Holiday Romantic Comedy*.

Placer Repertory Theater is a 501(c) 3 non-profit performing arts and culture non-profit organization with the mission to offer educational and quality-of-life enriching professional performing arts and cultural programs relevant to Placer County and surrounding area, while supporting local organizations and acting as an economic engine for the region. Follow Placer Repertory Theater on Facebook and social media: PlacerRep.



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BIOS – THE TEAM



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 international tours as an actor/singer/dancer, and director/playwright for national and international touring productions with renowned 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, Shawnee State University, and other educational institutions. Projects on which Forsyth worked performed at venues such as the Kennedy Center, Smithsonian, Dallas Theatre Center, San Diego Repertory Theater, and many other renowned venues, and received Dramalogue Awards, Critics Circle Awards, Broadway World Awards, the Gloria Burt Fellowship in Literature, finalist for SDC Denham Fellowship, as well as numerous grants from the NEA, NEH, CAC, ACPC and corporations. She is a member of the professional organizations: The Dramatists Guild, SDC Stage Directors & Choreographers, The Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE).



ANNE MERINO – Performer, Author

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 novel, *Hawkesmoor*.



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THE “EVENT”

WHO:

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

WHAT:

BROADWAY WORLD VOTING

WHERE:

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/sacramento/voteregion.cfm>

WHEN:

Now through December 31, 2022

FMI:

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Two GRAPHICS BELOW:



Katherine Stroller as Aubrey and Anne Merino as Dr. Dessa Dagmar in *Ghosts of Placer County*



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Placer Rep stage reading from December 2021 with Steve Campbell & Tadjia Enos

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