



Placer Repertory Theater

Performing arts, cultural & economic enrichment for Placer County

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Placer Rep Seeks New Company Members for 2023

Polish those audition monologues and resumes, because Placer Repertory Theater is conducting 2023 Company Member auditions and interviews starting Saturday, January 21 through the 24th in Roseville, Lincoln and Rocklin. Placer Repertory Theater seeks preferably non-Equity actors (SAG/AFTRA welcome) for 2023 Company Membership. Adults of all ethnicities, gender identities and disabilities are welcomed.

Chief benefits of company membership include: first consideration for all Placer Repertory Theater roles and work opportunities (paid), promotion of company members in regional media, email and social media, free participation in the company's continuing education & professional growth program (Studium-Practicum), which leads to paid rehearsals and performances, freedom and encouragement to pursue external opportunities, and much more. Additional information is provided in the official audition/interview notice, available from the home page of the company's website: PlacerRep.org.

"Getting in on the ground floor of a new company is very exciting, because you get to wear a lot of hats if you want to, and you're helping to create and run programs and have a voice in the development of the company and its works," said Matt Heyer, one of Placer Rep's regular performers. "I grow as a professional as the company grows."

To enhance the growth of all creatives involved with Placer Repertory Theater, in 2023, Placer Rep is establishing *Studium-Practicum*, a professional growth program. In these sessions, core theatrical questions are cooperatively explored in a rich, sophisticated and meaningful, facilitated process. "We will be defining PRT's future through exciting theatrical discovery, thoughtful discourse and the acquisition and practical application of solid stagecraft and artistic expression," said Teresa Stirling Forsyth, Producing Artistic Director for Placer Rep. She continued, "The goal is to develop Placer Rep as a high quality, destination theater company, like Berkeley Rep or the Ashland Oregon Shakespeare Festival, which acts as an economic engine for the area."

Placer Repertory Theater was originally founded in early 2020 and pivoted to digital media livestreamed and pay-per-view performances during Covid isolation, and their first live, socially distanced production, *New Beginnings*, performed at William Jessup



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University in July of 2021. Each year Placer Rep offers a variety of programming from events/shows, stage readings, and theatrical productions, to interactive and educational programs, like ColLABoration LAB, The Writers Workshop, and Education Outreach to area middle & high schools and colleges.

While Placer Repertory Theater is a young professional theater company, from 2020-2022, it has already garnered for itself and its company members a surprising number of awards. In 2022, a few of the many awards and honors received include: twenty Broadway World Nominations, the company and its artists were honored with two California Arts Council and two Placer County Arts Council grants, were awarded funds from Armrod Charitable Foundation and several corporations, 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 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 *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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MATTHEW HEYER – Performer, Marketing & Outreach

Graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette where he received his BFA in Theatre, Matthew won the Irene Ryan award for his ensemble work in 2018 and for his performance as Elliot in *Completeness* in 2019. His favorite mainstage productions include Stanley in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Charles in *As You Like It*, Thomas Putnam in *The Crucible*, and Shakespeare in *The Bard on Broadway*. Matt studied IPA and performs the duties of Dialect Coach for Placer Repertory Theater productions. As an actor, for Placer Rep in 2021, Matthew has played the characters George and Milo in *From the Mind of Scott Charles*, and the title role in “An Evening with Sherlock Holmes” featuring a new play based on *The Sign of the Four* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and was the understudy for Kenny Greene and Guide-Master Jack for the world premiere of *Ghosts of Placer County* in 2022.

THE “EVENT”

WHO:

Placer Repertory Theater -

WHAT:

2023 Company Member Auditions

WHERE:

Audition Notice: <https://PlacerRep.org>

WHEN:

January 21 through January 24 in Lincoln, Roseville & Rocklin

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Three GRAPHICS BELOW:



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



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



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