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CELEBRATE & ACKNOWLEDGE:

It's *BLACK HISTORY & NATIONAL AWARENESS MONTH!*

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

Placer Rep Announces Company Members, Affiliates for 2023

Positive energy and the eagerness to devote themselves to grow as artists was repeatedly evident at the Placer Rep 2023 Company Member auditions held in Rocklin, Roseville and Lincoln in January. The healthy number of candidates who turned out to audition and interview exposes the large pool of regional actors and directors hungry to dedicate themselves to growing as artists and professionals.

Mined from these auditions, Placer Repertory Theater is happy to announce the acting and directing Company Members and Affiliates for 2023, which includes: Cloud Adams, Shaquarrius Calloway, Shianne Dingeman, Del Dozier, Ronnie Duska Fowler, Gary Giurbino, Matthew Heyer, Philip Jacques, Marion Jeffery, Layce Lynne Kieu, Arie Knyazev, Carol Anne Lopez, Judy Merrick, Emalie Powers and Kyla Quinn. Some are seasoned professionals, while others are early-career and are bridging the gap from BFA programs or amateur theater to professional training and employment.

As of 2023, all Company Members now participate in Studium-Practicum, a continuing education program under the Professional Growth program area. Members meet twice per month for education and training in theories, methods and stagecraft/technique to grow as artists and as an ensemble.

[See the Broadway World Article](#)



Placer Rep 2023 Company Members & Affiliates:

- Back Row (left to right): Emalie Powers, Matthew Heyer, Ronnie Duska Fowler, Judy Merrick, Cloud Adams, Carol Anne Lopez, Arie Knyazev, Shaquarrius Calloway
- Front Row (left to right): Gary Giurbino, Kyla Quinn, Philip Jacques, Shianne Dingeman, Del Dozier.
- Not pictured: Marion Jeffery, Layce Lynne Kieu.

2023 Host-Venue for Studium-Practicum:



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**Collaboration LAB Returns &
Evolves**

by Matt Heyer

Due to the generosity of individual donors and

monthly sponsors who are providing in-kind donations from local businesses, Collaboration LAB, the new work & talent incubation & networking program, has begun its fourth season! And changes are afoot!

This year, when patrons and presenters register to attend the LAB (FREE) via Eventbrite, their names go into a drawing for the chance to win up to \$100 worth of products and services from local businesses! Drawings occur at each LAB, and registrants must be present to win.

Also, this year, both seasoned and burgeoning writers including those from Placer Rep's *The Writers Workshop* are invited to have short pieces read at the LAB by Placer Rep Company and Affiliate performers.

**Next LAB Feb 26 @ 7 PM
At Tamraloo Studio E!**

featuring a drawing valued at \$100,
thanks to February's co-sponsors:



701 Pleasant Grove Blvd
Roseville, CA



4875 Granite Drive
Rocklin, CA

**FMI / Register for FEBRUARY
LAB**

FMI / Register for March-October

-- Top: January headliner Ray Baldonade performed and spoke about his career in music therapy and being a Certified Music Educator.

-- Middle: Anne Merino, January's LAB host, read a favorite poem.

-- Bottom: Cloud Adams shared stories of his background and acting experiences.

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Rocklin History Museum features Early Pioneers of Rocklin through March 26

Having explored the history and heritage of Chinese, Spanish and Finnish immigrants to Rocklin through exhibits in 2022, the Rocklin History Museum now shares stories and exhibits artifacts of European Immigrants through March 26, highlighting contributions of populations such as the Irish and Spanish to the area.

The Rocklin History Museum is located at 3895 Rocklin Road and is managed by the Rocklin Historical Society. Current Board President is Jim Hammes. Donations are gratefully accepted at the door, or you may wish to become a member!

*Click on the image below to view the [Quarry Quarterly January 2023 newsletter](#) that contains an **article on page three** by Gloria Beverage regarding this exhibit.*

Early Pioneers of Rocklin 1850-1900
Meet the Europeans who settled here and built the town of Rocklin
Open January 7—March 26, 2023



Rocklin History Museum 3895 Rocklin Rd, Rocklin, CA
Hours: Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 pm

FMI: Rocklin Historical Society

<https://rocklinhistorical.org/>

Rocklin Historical Society is a 501c3 Nonprofit Organization.

About Black History Month:

- <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

Notable/Influential Black Americans:

- <https://6abc.com/black-history-month-notable-african-americans-most-influential-famous-people/5888312/>

Artist Profile: Jean-Michel Basquiat

Jean-Michel Basquiat was an American artist, born in Brooklyn, NY, who rose to success during the 1980s as part of the movement known as Neo-expressionism, and was befriended and extolled by artists including Andy Warhol.

In 1992, a retrospective of Basquiat's art was held at the [Whitney Museum of American Art](#). Basquiat's work explored ironies and dichotomies and included themes of internal experience or thought versus the external reality, juxtaposition of great poverty and great wealth, and inclusion versus exclusion.

"He used social commentary in his paintings as a tool for introspection and for identifying with his experiences in the black community, as well as attacks on power structures and systems of racism," according to the Basquiat Wikipedia article. Basquiat passed in 1988, at the age of 27.

In 2017, Basquiat's 1982 work, *Untitled*, a painting with a black skull and blue background as its subject, sold for a then record-breaking \$110.5 million.

See [Biography.com](#) article



"The Chaotic Brilliance of Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat" TED-Ed (4:32), provides a brief



Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat.
December 22, 1960 to August 12, 1988.



Jean-Michel Basquiat's *Untitled* (1982) sold in 2017 for \$110.5 million.

overview of the artist.



Irony of Negro Policeman by Jean-Michel Basquiat. His work remains relevant, as we have seen in the Tyre Nichols case in which a black motorist was beaten by black police officers in Memphis TN, January 7, 2023.



"Getting to know Jean-Michel Basquiat," a video featuring a profile of the artist from a personal perspective.



This video features a collection of 135 Jean-Michel Basquiat works.

Learn More: Jean-Michel Basquiat ThoughtCo Biography

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