



# Placer Repertory Theater

Performing arts, cultural & economic enrichment for Placer County

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Tess Forsyth  
PRT Phone: 916-884-0055  
Tess Cell: 916-846-1618

July 17, 2023

Placer Repertory Theater: [BoxOffice@PlacerRep.org](mailto:BoxOffice@PlacerRep.org) | [PlacerRep.org](http://PlacerRep.org)

**FREE PUBLIC SHOW / EVENT**

## ***Susie Bauer featured, Funny Robert returns at Placer Rep July Collaboration LAB***

Visual Artist Susie Bauer and Comedian Funny Robert are just two of the creatives pre-booked to present at Collaboration LAB on Sunday, July 23, held in the event room at Cool River Pizza & Taphouse on the border of Rocklin and Roseville. In addition to the pre-booked creatives, the audience is invited to the open stage to share their creativity, new works and talent whether it be visual and performing arts, cultural or related to the humanities. A drawing for \$100 in prizes for those in the room who reserved their seats on Eventbrite.com rounds out this evening of shared creativity and networking. Free reservations are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/collaboration-lab-tickets-515729529907>.

The July 23 Collaboration LAB headliner, Susie Bauer, was raised in Oakdale, CA, then moved to Sacramento to attend Sacramento State University. While there she took creative classes in photography and art and in her words, “lucked into working with two professional photographers (one commercial, and one a horse photographer) to help put myself through college.” This led to a career in commercial photography at Busselen Photo Illustrators, with which she was a partner in the business during her last ten years with Busselen. Susie shared, “My time in commercial photography afforded me many opportunities to work with creative art directors, artists, lab workers and photographers. In 2000, I retired but the artistic bug hit me and I tried my had at painting.” To see some of Susie’s work Placer Rep is asking her to share, including her process and inspiration, visit her website: [sbbauerart.com/alcohol-inks](http://sbbauerart.com/alcohol-inks).

“Susie’s alcohol inks are gorgeous and sophisticated, and I’m dying to hear how she produces these beautiful images,” said Matthew Heyer, Collaboration LAB Booker & Color Commentator.



# Placer Repertory Theater

Performing arts, cultural & economic enrichment for Placer County

July's Collaboration LAB theme is: *EUREKA! That exhilarating, white-knuckle moment when it all makes sense. The way forward is suddenly clear, or a thorny artistic knot is unraveled at last.* Creatives will share their work, their process, and describe their own AH-HA moments as creatives, "or they'll take to the stage and do their comedy or their song and sit right back down – 'cuz not everyone feels an urgent need to reveal their poetic angst," chimed in Funny Robert.

After the pre-booked creatives present or perform, creatives from the audience are invited to occupy the open stage and share their work or promote their organization. Historically, the LAB has seen everything from writers, musicians/singers/songwriters and comedians to sculptors, civic/cultural groups and magicians. Held in the event room at Cool River Pizza & Taphouse in Rocklin, the LAB is conveniently located on the Roseville/Rocklin border and allows for a large variety of presenters from poets, designers, and musicians to visual and performing artists, crafters, cultural groups and comedians. Wine, beer, soft drinks, and the full Cool River menu of items are available for purchase, and Placer Rep provides a couple pizzas to snack on for the room.

Collaboration LAB is a free monthly event. Onsite presenters and the audience who reserved their seats on Eventbrite.com are eligible for the monthly drawing of \$100 in prizes. July's prize sponsors are BLACK BEAR DINER, FOUR SISTERS CAFÉ and DICKEY'S BARBECUE PIT, all in Roseville. The monthly drawing is an incentive to remind presenters and attendees to register for the LAB **as seating is limited**. Visit *Placer Repertory Theater on Eventbrite.com to register for this FREE live event:* <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/collaboration-lab-tickets-515729529907>.

Placer Repertory Theater ([www.PlacerRep.org](http://www.PlacerRep.org)) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit 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 and surrounding areas, while supporting local organizations and acting as an economic engine for the region. Follow Placer Repertory Theater on Facebook (PlacerRep), Twitter and Instagram: @PlacerRep and subscribe to their YouTube Channel (Placer Repertory Theater).

**Publishers:** Contact [BoxOffice@PlacerRep.org](mailto:BoxOffice@PlacerRep.org)



# Placer Repertory Theater

Performing arts, cultural & economic enrichment for Placer County

## COLLABORATION LAB TEAM



### **TERESA STIRLING FORSYTH – LAB PRODUCER, JULY GUEST HOST**

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. She has instructed and directed at numerous educational institutions, including UC Davis, University of San Francisco and University of Minnesota. Projects on which Forsyth worked performed at venues such as the Kennedy Center, the Smithsonian, Dallas Theatre Center, San Diego Repertory Theater, and many other renowned venues, and received Dramalogue Awards, Critics Circle Awards, and an Indy Award: Best Spoken Word Album. While with Placer Rep, her projects have won Broadway World Awards, the Gloria Burt Fellowship in Literature and Gold Country Media awards. Her prior works have won numerous grants from the NEA, CAC 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), TCG and NNPN/New Play Exchange.

### No Photo – **GINA HILL - LAB CO-HOST / TECHNICIAN, July 23**

Gina Hill, with a degree in Technical Theater and a love of horror make-up and special effects, is Placer Rep's technician theater guru, from lighting and sound technician to make up and wardrobe maven, Gina is often found at the helm as Stage Manager for Placer Repertory Theater productions.



### **ARIE KNYAZEV – LAB CO-HOST / TECHNICIAN – Aug-Oct**

*Haunting History* in 2022 was Arie's first opportunity to work with Placer Repertory Theater. Previously, he starred as the character William Gillette in Ken Ludwig's play *The Game's Afoot*, produced by the State Theatre Acting Company at the Auburn State Theatre in Auburn and as Max in *Lend Me a Tenor* for Lincoln Theatre Company. A software engineer by day, he says he would happily give up his lucrative high-tech career to become a starving



# Placer Repertory Theater

Performing arts, cultural & economic enrichment for Placer County

professional actor. Currently he studies with Placer Repertory Theater in Studium-Practicum, a professional growth program providing MFA curriculum to Placer Rep company members and affiliates.



## **MATT HEYER – BOOKER, COLOR COMMENTATOR**

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*. Having studied IPA, Matt performs duties as a 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. In 2022, Matt was part of the ensemble cast for *Haunting History*, and the ASM and Understudy for two roles in the mainstage world premiere of *Ghosts of Placer County*.



## **FUNNY ROBERT – Comedian**

A graduate of the San Francisco Comedy College, Robert has performed throughout California, as well as in Reno, Las Vegas, and Austin, Texas. As an Emcee / comedian, he has hosted comedy shows, as well as open mic nights for professional clubs, and has been seen briefly on TV in *Last Comic Standing*. Among his favorite performances are his evening at *The Improv* in San Jose and performing as a featured comedian at *Rooster T. Feathers* in Sunnyvale. He draws his comedy from his family, work and the tragicomedy that is the human existence.



## **THE EVENT**

### **CoLABoration LAB**

- Open Stage event that features New Work/Talent Incubation & Networking.

## **DETAILS**

**CoLABoration LAB** - An open stage incubation and networking monthly event offered in-person and via zoom, featuring presentations, performances and new works shared by individual creatives and cultural organizations from Placer County and beyond. Open stage time is offered to the audience after the pre-booked presenters complete their performances. Drawing for \$100 in prizes for those presenters and attendees who register via Eventbrite.com and are present onsite during the drawing.

### **WHERE:**

In-Person: Cool River Pizza & Taphouse, 6200 Stanford Ranch Rd., Rocklin CA

### **WHEN:**

July 23, 2023 (Pacific)

### **FMI / TICKETS:**

**Free registration on Eventbrite.com:**

Seats: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/collaboration-lab-tickets-515729529907>

Reserve Presentation Slot for July: email [BoxOffice@PlacerRep.org](mailto:BoxOffice@PlacerRep.org)

### **WHO:**

- T. S. Forsyth, LAB Producer, July Host
- Gina Hill, Co-Host / Technician
- Matthew Heyer, Color Commentator

### **GRAPHICS INCLUDED BELOW:**

- 1) **Susie Bauer Alcohol Inks painting**





# Placer Repertory Theater

Performing arts, cultural & economic enrichment for Placer County



###