



# Placer Repertory Theater

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**FREE PUBLIC SHOW / EVENT**

## ***Family-friendly Comedian Daniel Carillo headlines August Collaboration LAB***

A hit with Placer Repertory Theater's audience members in March 2023, Comedian Daniel Carillo returns to headline the August 27 Collaboration LAB, held in the event room at Cool River Pizza & Taphouse on the border of Rocklin and Roseville. In addition to the family-friendly comedy of Daniel Carillo, visual artist Connie McLennan will be featured, alongside musicians/singers/songwriters Timothy Nutter (Art Theater of Davis) and Craig Dunlap (Sacramento region performer) and playwright Scott Charles (*Dinners with Augie*). Audience members are invited to share during the open stage portion of the LAB. Creatives from the visual and performing arts, cultural and humanities organizations and disciplines are welcome.

The August 27 Collaboration LAB headliner, comedian Daniel Carillo started stand-up comedy in 2011 and has performed in clubs all around California, including San Jose Improv, Comedy Store, Cobb's and Sacramento Punchline. According to Daniel he has also performed "in front of many empty chairs." Daniel is instantly likeable with stories of his family, unique upbringing, and travels. He also produces an incredible comedy show in Lake of the Pines, California, which boasts nationally renowned headliners like Larry Bubbles Brown, Sammy Obied, Kabir Singh and Mickey Joseph. For Placer Rep, Daniel shares a family-friendly comedy set.

August 27<sup>th</sup>'s Collaboration LAB theme is *PERCOLATION: Creative ideas develop and speak to us*. Creatives will present their work and describe their creative process "or they'll share something then hunker down in a corner with a free slice of pizza and a beer to enjoy other presenters -- because not everyone is keen to talk about their creativity or receive feedback," said Matthew Heyer, Color Commentator for the LAB. "And we're really excited to see which presenters or audience members will win this



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month's prizes at the LAB's drawing with gift cards and passes from PRIMO, DICKEY'S BARBECUE PIT and CINEMARK."

Creatives and representatives from arts & cultural organizations take to the open stage after the pre-booked presenters share, to round out the evening. From visual and performing artists, crafters, designers, writers, architects and historians to representatives of civic and cultural organizations, Collaboration LAB has seen a vast variety of creativity shared at its LABs from 2020 to present.

Held in the event room at Cool River Pizza & Taphouse in Rocklin, the LAB is conveniently located on the Roseville/Rocklin border and offers wine, beer, soft drinks, and the full Cool River menu of items available for purchase, as Placer Rep provides a couple free pizzas in the room so everyone can have a slice and enjoy the show.

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. August's prize sponsors are PRIMO on Sunset in Rocklin, Blue Oaks CINEMARK in Rocklin and DICKEY'S BARBECUE PIT on Pleasant Grove 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).

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## 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



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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, Technical Director**

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.



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## 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 reserve their FREE seats via Eventbrite.com and are present onsite during the drawing.

### WHERE:

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

### WHEN:

August 27, 2023 (Pacific)

### FMI / TICKETS:

#### Free registration on Eventbrite.com:

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

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

### WHO:

- T. S. Forsyth, LAB Producer, August Host
- Arie Knyazev, Co-Host / Technician
- Matthew Heyer, Color Commentator

### GRAPHICS INCLUDED BELOW:

- 1) Comedian Daniel Carillo



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