



Placer Repertory Theater

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Placer Rep Announces Events & Shows thru Dec 2023

While the surprises for 2024 are yet to be revealed, Placer Repertory Theater now shares the 2023 events and shows to occur through December 2023 as part of the 2023-2024 season.

Placer Repertory Theater's 2023-2024 season begins in August with *UNCLE VANYA: Scenes from a Country Life*. Script-in-hand performances of *Uncle Vanya* include a private showing in August, and public performances on September 8 and 9 in Rocklin, California, after which *Uncle Vanya* will be available for booking throughout the region.

The second show of the Placer Rep theatrical season is a production of the full version of *My Jekyll & Hyde*. This playscript celebrates storytelling as it conjures literature to life to share the popular Victorian science fiction detective mystery in which Mr. Utterson struggles to save the life of his friend, Dr. Jekyll, from the scheming clutches of the malevolent Mr. Hyde. The play includes local history and personal stories as context that highlight the modern relevance of this iconic tale.

The Placer Rep Annual Holiday Party brings 2023 to a close on Sunday, December 10 at 7 p.m. This is an annual event full of music, games, drawings, contests with prizes, karaoke, a comedian, networking and an Open Stage. Enjoy holiday refreshments and mingling with Placer Rep artists, partners and patrons.

Below is a calendar of event for Placer Rep, August – December 2023:

- August 26 – Uncle Vanya private preview in Lincoln
- August 27 – Collaboration LAB in Rocklin
- September 8 & 9 – Uncle Vanya script-in-hand performances in Rocklin
- September 16 – Placer Rep performs local history scenes @ Colfax Railroad



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- September 24 – Collaboration LAB in Rocklin
- September 25 – The Mysterious Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde (one-act for Placer County School Tours begins, available for booking through May 2024)
- October 22 – Collaboration LAB in Rocklin
- October 27, 28 & November 3 & 4 – My Jekyll & Hyde
- November 16 – VAPA Academy “Peter & Wendy” one-act performance
- December 10 – Placer Rep Annual Holiday Party.

The events and productions schedule for the remainder of the 2023-2024 season, namely January 2024 – June 2024, are anticipated to be released soon. Most of the theatrical season grows out of Studium-Practicum program for company members in which... For more information on Studium-Practicum, visit:

<https://placerrep.org/studium-practicum-2023/>

Some of the Placer Rep company members and affiliates who participate in the Studium-Practicum professional growth program and are committed to season 2023-2024 include:

- T.S. Forsyth, MFA, MS, Producing Artistic Director, Director, Playwright, shows toured internationally to world-renowned professional theaters.
- Judy Merrick, attended the USC BFA program, RADA training program, with over 10 years professional theater in NY, LA and UK
- Kyla Quinn, BA Technical Theater, who worked for Lifetime and Asylum Studios and is a specialist in Performing Arts Technology, including make-up design.
- Matthew D. Heyer, BFA, professional actor, costume specialist
- Carol Anne Lopez, attended American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena, has professional film and tv acting credits, and has played numerous theatrical roles in Arizona, Colorado and California
- Ronnie Duska Fowler, a character actor with a wide range, she is frequently seen on stages throughout the greater Sacramento area
- Arie Krastev BS Computer Science, Mathematics, has acted on several Placer County stages from Lincoln to Auburn, as he studies his craft
- Cloud Adams, BA Theology, professional film acting credits, he is learning the craft of theater as a participant in Studium-Practicum

Visit Placer Rep’s website for more information on our programs and biographies for the artists, many of whom are also artists/educators with the Placer Rep VAPA Academy.

Venues and scholastic entities interested in booking Placer Repertory Theater



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company's theatrical season offerings, or School Tours one-act productions, may contact BoxOffice@placerrep.org or Education@placerrep.org, or visit the company web site: <https://PlacerRep.org>.

Placer Repertory Theater (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 area, 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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PLACER REP TEAM through December 2023

Below are some of the Placer Rep Company Members and Affiliates who participate in the Placer Rep VAPA Academy of Colfax.



TERESA STIRLING FORSYTH – Producing Artistic Director, Director, Playwright. 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, which includes all program oversight, including Placer Repertory Theater VAPA Academy.

Previously, the artistic director for two San Francisco based touring theater companies and founder/board president of an economic & workforce development nonprofit organization, her performing arts background includes international tours as an actor/singer/dancer, and director/ playwright for national and international touring productions with renowned professional performing artists, such as Brenda Wong Aoki (AEA/SAG/AFTRA), and companies like Dell'Arte Players (AEA). Projects on which Forsyth worked performed at venues such as the Kennedy Center, the Smithsonian, Magic Theatre, Mark Taper Forum, Dallas Theatre Center, San Diego Repertory Theater and many other renowned venues, and received Dramalogue Awards, Critics Circle Awards, Indy Award: Best Spoken Word Album, Broadway World Awards, the Gloria Burt Fellowship, as well as numerous grants from the NEA, NEH, CAC, ACPC and corporations.



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She is a member of the professional organizations: The Dramatists Guild of America (DGA), Stage Directors & Choreographers Society (SDC), The Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) and NNPN/New Play Exchange.



JUDY MERRICK – Actor. Judy worked for over 10 years in New York as a performer and director. Her favorite credits include Portia in *Merchant of Venice* (Santa Monica Playhouse) and Lysander in *Midsummer Night's Dream* (RADA). She co-founded the NYC theatre Company, The Amoralist, and some of her credits include *The Cheaters Club*, Adam Rapp's *Ghost in the Cottonwoods* and *Bring Us the Head of Your Daughter*. Judy also worked at Playwrights Horizons, and the Manhattan Theatre Club, and toured with *Knuckleball*, which won best show, and she, best actress, at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Having studied with the BFA program at USC, she trained at RADA and AADA in NY. More recently, Judy performed in *Persephone's Tale* with her new Nevada City theater company House of Fates, and in Placer Rep's award-winning production *Persuasion: a holiday romantic comedy*.



KYLA QUINN – Actor, Designer/Technician. Kyla Quinn's background spans professional, academic and community performing arts. Kyla received their BA degree in Technical Theatre in 2020 from California State University Long Beach and worked in the art department for both Lifetime and Asylum Studios in southern California. In addition to professional work on set, Kyla worked on several academic productions as both a designer and crew member. Most notably they worked as a makeup designer for a collaboration piece between California State Long Beach and the Long Beach Opera entitled *The Penal Colony*.

As a performer, Kyla starred in two independent films and particularly enjoys playing the roles of antagonists like Mr. Small in Placer Rep's production of *Sherlock Holmes Sign of the Four*, and Miss Henrietta Musgrove in Placer Rep's *Persuasion: a holiday romantic*



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comedy in 2021. Kyla was named a Placer Rep company member in January 2023, and is engaged in Placer Rep's professional growth program Studium-Practicum learning new theatrical theories, methods and tools, and the philosophies behind them.



MATTHEW HEYER – Actor, Designer/Technician. 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. Behind the scenes, Matthew is also a Costume Designer and Fabricator, a Set Designer and Constructor, and a Lighting Designer and Lighting Technician, and dabbles in Stage Management. His design credits include *The House that Will Not Stand*, *Completeness*, and *The Bard on Broadway*.

Matt studied IPA (the International Phonetic Alphabet) and performs duties as a Dialect Coach for Placer Repertory Theater productions. Currently, studying under PRT's Studium Practicum professional growth program, Matt has found new professional areas of concentration such as movement for the actor, vocal techniques, style acting and textual analysis. As an actor for Placer Rep in 2021, Matthew played George and Milo in two one-acts in the production known as *From the Mind of Scott Charles*, and the title role in *An Evening with Sherlock Holmes*. In 2022, Matt performed with Placer Rep in the ensemble show, *Haunting History*, and was nominated for two Broadway World Awards, including his performances for PRT's 2022 monthly show, *Rifts in Time*.



RONNIE DUSKA FOWLER – Actor. Ronnie Duska Fowler studied at Cosumnes River College, where she performed in *Arcadia* and *Midsummer Night's Dream*, and she performed in *The Laramie Project* at Sacramento City College. She has been seen on the stages of *Big Idea Theater* in the Rover, in several productions at Freefall Stage and Theatre in the Heights where she performed in several Shakespeare plays and *Blithe Spirit*. More recently, she played Ann Deever in *All My Sons at The Stage at Burke Junction*. For Placer Repertory Theater, Ronnie performed professional readings for the masterclass "The Writer's Workshop," studies with the



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professional growth program Studium-Practicum and plays the key role of Yelena in *Uncle Vanya* this September.



CAROL ANNE LOPEZ – Actor. Carol is an actor with professional film and tv credits who attended American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena and has been acting for over 30 years and has played numerous theatrical roles in Arizona, Colorado and California. In Colorado, some of her stand-out credits include *The Man Who Came to Dinner* with Nomads in Boulder and *Auntie Mame*, *Annie* and *Nunsense* with the Longmont Theatre Company. During the pandemic, Carol performed two livestreamed productions with Falcon Eye Theater. She was seen more recently in The Lincoln Theatre Company productions of *Blyth Spirit* and *Lend Me a Tenor*. She currently receives professional growth training in Studium-Practicum with Placer Repertory

Theater and plays the nurse, Marina in *Uncle Vanya*, opening September 2023.



ARIE KNYAZEV – Actor. Arie is an early career actor whose formal education at UC Davis led to the receipt of a BS in Computer Science, BS in Mathematics, and a minor in Psychology. Currently, outside of his acting career, Arie works as a Software Engineer touching signal processing and machine learning in the defense sector. Arie's actor training includes musical theater training with a private instructor, several years of acting study at Studio 24 and current participation in Placer Rep's Studium-Practicum, the professional growth program, as well as experiential education through on-the-job performance.

Some of Arie's favorite roles include William Gillette in *The Game's Afoot*, Max in *Lend Me a Tenor*, Don Pedro in *Much Ado About Nothing*, and of course his first role: Cogsworth in *Beauty and the Beast*. Arie's first work for Placer Repertory Theater began in 2022 as a member of the ensemble cast that performed at the *Haunting History* events in Lincoln and Rocklin and performed stage readings of early drafts of the new play *Ghosts of Placer County* in Foresthill, Sacramento and Roseville.



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CLOUD ADAMS – Actor. Cloud’s passion for theater and acting has been evident throughout his life. His initial foray into theater and acting began as the lead performer in theatrical works during his primary and secondary education. After 10 years of military service, during which he entertained soldiers when off duty, Cloud left the military and sought a college degree. Upon graduation from Sacramento State University with a B.S. in Judaism Theology, Cloud became quite serious about his acting career.

Cloud’s most recent works include the character George Spelvin in *The Actor’s Nightmare* by Christopher Durang, Apollo Host in *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* by Alan Janes, and as an extra in the film “In Broad Daylight,” and produces digital shorts on YouTube and Switch. Cloud recently was named a 2023 Company Member for Placer Repertory Theater and participates in their Studium-Practicum professional growth program.

SUMMARY

WHAT

Placer Repertory Theater Announces Schedule of Events & Shows thru Dec 2023

DETAILS

Placer Repertory Theater announces the schedule for two theatrical season shows, a School Tours show, a VAPA Academy production, monthly Collaboration LABs and the Placer Rep Annual Holiday Party occurring between August and December 2023.

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WHERE

Venues throughout Placer County
See Eventbrite listings by event / show

WHEN

Season Shows/Events:

Uncle Vanya: September 7 & 8, 2023 @ 7 p.m.

My Jekyll & Hyde: October 27, 28 & November 3, 4 @ 7 p.m.

Placer Rep Annual Holiday Party: December 10 @ 7 p.m.

School Tours Show:

The Mysterious Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde – available as of end September 2023

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To reserve seats for events & shows:

Placer Repertory Theater on EVENTBRITE.COM

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/30342509116>

Bookings & Questions:

Email: boxoffice@placerrep.org

WHO

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