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LETTER FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



All the world's a stage, as Shakespeare famously spoke, and the stage in front of you will grant you access to a new world. For me, it is a sacred space, a creative and imaginative space, and a safe space. Not just safe for the artists to create in and on, but safe for all who come to watch. We all have 'personal' experiences and reactions to everything we watch, and here I would like us to be safe to like them, dislike them, dwell or indulge in them, discuss them, and be inspired by them. Welcome to Coachella Valley Repertory as I invite you on yet another journey. Thank you for taking the time – making the time – to come together. Thank you for supporting us and giving us another year to tell stories, expand our imagination, and remember what it means to be human. Yes, the theatre is all that for many of us, and is possible because of you.

When I was young, I would imagine stories, imagine characters; I was a cowboy, a fireman, an astronaut, and a space explorer (the last one was the best). My imagination would take flight and take me away. It does still – on the stage. I encourage you to free your imagination and allow us to take you away. Here we will uphold the suspension of disbelief. We will present new ideas, good ideas, bad ideas, excitement, and exploration. We will have tears to oppose hate, empathy to oppose violence, and sit amongst other audience members to be reminded of what it is to feel. It is always better when we're together. An empty theatre is sad and that is not the case this evening. It is filled with hope, life, laughter, sadness, joy, inspiration, and most of all...you. I am glad you are here.

Sincerely,

Adam Karsten

LETTER FROM THE CVREP PRESIDENT



Welcome! We are so happy you are here.

Some people tell me they come to CVRep to be entertained. I understand, especially after the challenging recent years we've been living through. Sometimes a good belly laugh or toe-tapping evening of songs and dance is just what I need.

And sometimes, I need theatre to do some other powerful magic.

Sometimes I am drawn to the theatre without realizing that I am hungry to have my humanity

validated in other ways, through connection, heartbreak, struggle and redemption. I'm drawn to the theatre to see a story played out on stage that allows me to plum some new depths, challenge conflicted old assumptions, draw new maps of my world, or even battle a few persistent demons.

And then there are those transcendent moments in the theatre when I get it all. I am laughing while learning. Or maybe I am wincing while identifying, cringing while forgiving, or blushing while growing.

There are those times when the lights come up again and I am fully emotionally charged, lightened, or spent. And I know that something important has just happened. Even if I can't yet put it into words, something feels different in my head and through my heart.

And whether I am leaving full of laughter, heartbreak, bewilderment or that strange amalgam of it all, I am grateful that I have had this experience.

CVRep allows us to have and share these experiences. We get to have all of these emotions live, in real time, sitting in an audience with connection and community. We get to laugh, gasp and applaud with others. We grow. We share. Together.

This is the power and the promise of theatre.

Thank you for being here, for helping us to create this experience, for your support, and for being a part of our CVRep family.

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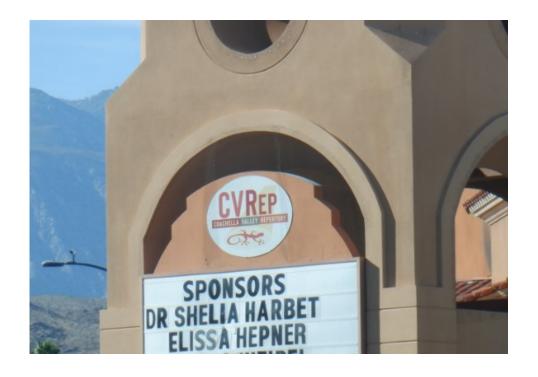
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You may reach us by email: boxoffice@cvrep.org or by calling 760-296-2966 ext 101 You may also purchase tickets online at CVRep.org

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CVRep is conveniently located on Hwy 111 between Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage.

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ENTRANCES:

There are two entrances to CVRep for performances:

The "back" entrance is located on Lalo Guerrero, directly across from the Amphitheatre.

The "front" entrance faces Hwy 111, next to our Box Office windows. This entrance is also home to the many customized bricks generously purchased during our "brick campaign" to support CVRep. The front entrance can be accessed from Lalo Guerrero via the sidewalks / ramps at either end of the theatre.

PARKING:

Free covered parking is available just down the street in the Cathedral City Downtown Parking structure at 68600 Ave Lalo Guerrero. The first floor is reserved for patrons of CVRep during all performances. There is limited street parking also available.

Valet parking is available for Opening Night performances and at a limited number of CVRep events. When valet parking is offered, the valet stand will be located on Ave Lalo Guerrero pext to the "back" entrance

ACCESSIBILITY:

Accessible and companion seating is available in Row A of the theatre. Listening Assist devices are available at the Box Office upon request. If you require assistance between your vehicle and the theatre for a performance, please notify the Box Office 24 hours in advance to make arrangements.

CAST BIOS



HARRIET - Julie Cardia*

Julie is thrilled to be doing POTUS with such an incredible company of women. NATIONAL TOURS: Broadway revival of Les Miserables, Roundabout's Revival of 1776, Annie, alongside Kathy Lee Gifford @Madison Square Gardens, The Music Man:In Concert, led by the iconic Shirley Jones and The Wizard of Oz. REPLICA (World Premier) @Stages Repertory Theatre, Colony Collapse (World Premier) @Boston Court Theatre, M'lynn in Steel Magnolias @Oregon Cabaret Theatre. Proud Cal State University, Fullerton, MFA Grad.

www.juliecardia.com



JEAN - Michelle Liu Coughlin*

Michelle Liu Coughlin (Jean): is thrilled to be making her CVRep debut. She's worked in theatre, television, film, and symphony concerts across the country, including the Lincoln Center Theatre's first national tour of *The King and I* directed by Bartlett Sher. She was recently seen in the Off-Broadway premiere of *The Karpovsky Variations*. Select regional: Virginia Stage Co., Arena Stage, Kennedy Center, KC Starlight, and Arvada Center. Select TV/Film: FBI, *New Amsterdam*, *The OA, It's Complicated*, Hallmark's *Sand Dollar Cove* and *Holiday in Harlem*.

www.michelleliucoughlin.com IG: @michelleliuc



DUSTY - Shannon Mary Dixon*

Shannon Mary Dixon is thrilled to be making her CVRep debut with this incredible production. Select theatre credits: The Death of Bessie Smith* 'Outstanding Lead Performer', nominated - Desert Theatre League, Mid Century Moderns, Spoon River Anthology, You Can't Take It With You, abroad at the Gaiety Theatre (Dublin). An elite figure skater, she has skated in numerous productions including NBC's The Office. TV: ABC, CBS, Lifetime; award-winning independent films. Love and thanks to her family / reps

@shannmarydix shannonmarydixon.com

CAST BIOS



CHRIS - Tamika Katon Donegal*

Tamika Katon-Donegal - BFA from USC. Theatre: Last Summer at Bluefish Cove, Glove Story, Hair, Rent, Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike, No Word in Guyanese for Me. Film & TV: Godzilla, Adam Ruins Everything, Agent Carter, Get Shorty, How to Get Away with Murder, and recurring on Nickelodeon's SideHustle. Recently starred in and produced Hold You So Tight, a short film featuring Charisma Carpenter and Kristina Wong. Grateful for family, friends, Stone, Love, and Versa, and CVRep. ILYER



BERNADETTE - Cas Koenig

Cas Koenig is an actor, playwright, and teaching artist based on the east coast. They recently received their MFA in acting from Brown/Trinity Rep. New York: Soho Rep Writer/Director Lab; ArsNova ANTFest 2022. Regional: Prince of Providence (Trinity Repertory Company); Collective Rage (Brown/Trinity); Mr. Burns: A Postapocalyptic Play (Brown/Trinity).

CAST BIOS



STEPHANIE - Emily Nash*

Emily (she/her) is ecstatic to be diving into the Oval Office in POTUS! She's an AEA and SAG-AFTRA actor/singer/writer/producer currently based in LA. Recent theatre: Spring Awakening (The Argyle Theatre), The Deer and the Antelope (Harbor Stage Company). TV: Extrapolations (Apple TV+), Growing Up (Disney+). Emily's short comedy film, Judy-ism, has screened at three Oscar-qualifying film festivals. BA in Drama from Vassar College. Huge presidential thank you's to Aqua Talent and the CVRep team!

www.emilyknash.com



DENISE - Marlo Denise Stroud

Marlo Stroud studied musical theater at Columbia College in Chicago. Among her stage performances are Off-Broadway productions of "Soul Sisters", "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Was Enough", "Beauty Shop", and many more. Marlo wrote, produced, and starred in Conflicted, an award-winning short film. Lastly, she had the privilege of producing and directing a documentary in Kathmandu, Nepal with the Make a Film Foundation.

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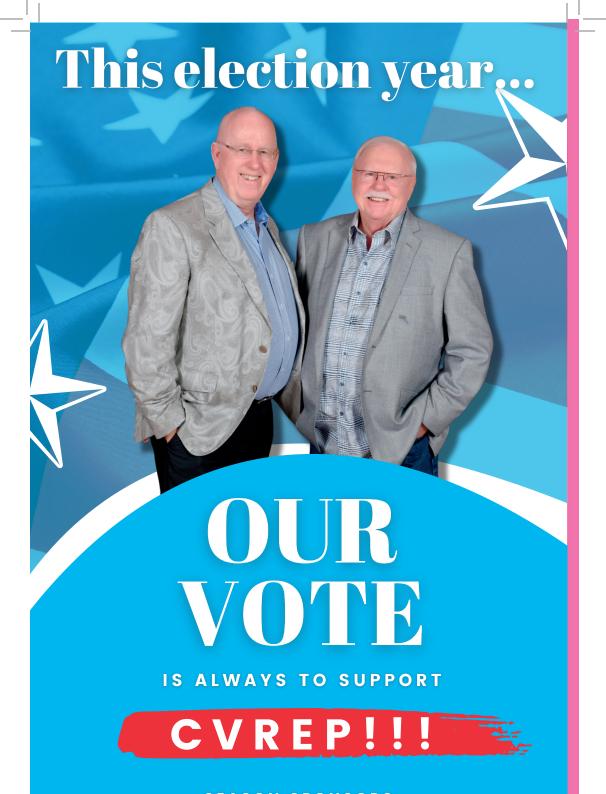


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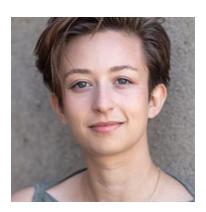
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AUTHOR BIO

SELINA FILLINGER



Selina Fillinger is an LA-based writer and performer. Original plays include The Collapse; Something Clean; Faceless; and The Armor Plays: Clinched/Strapped. Selina recently made her Broadway debut with her seven-woman farce, POTUS: Or, Behind Every Great Dumbass are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive. Her plays have been developed at Roundabout Theatre, Manhattan Theatre Club, McCarter Theatre, Williamstown Theatre Festival, Old Globe Theatre, Alley Theatre, St. Louis Repertory Theatre and Northlight Theatre.

She's currently commissioned at South Coast Repertory and Roundabout. She was a Hawthornden Fellow and a resident of McCarter's Sallie B. Goodman Artist's Retreat; Something Clean is the recipient of the 2019 Laurents/Hatcher Award and Clinched/Strapped received the 2019 Williamstown Theatre Festival's L. Arnold Weissberger New Play Award. POTUS was on the 2019 Kilroys List. Selina writes for the third season of Apple TV's The Morning Show and is developing a feature for Chernin/Netflix.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

COURTNEY YOUNG



Courtney Young is a director, choreographer, educator, performer, and mother whose professional credits include plays, musicals, operas, concerts, and new works. As a director/choreographer she has worked at The National Opera at The Kennedy Center, Casa Mañana Theatre, Papermill Playhouse, City Centers Encores!, The Hangar Theatre and more. She began her career as a performer appearing in eight Broadway shows and national tours including The Producers, Young Frankenstein, The Full Monty, Little Me,

Cats, Fosse, Joseph... Dreamcoat and The Radio City Rockettes. Courtney is an Associate Professor of musical theatre and dance at Ithaca College where she has worked on productions such as Twelfth Night the Musical, Head Over Heels, Ragtime, Wonderful Town, The Cradle Will Rock, Winter Bodies, Sister Act and Wonderful Town.



JOSHUA ADAMS - Sound Designer

Showbiz fanatic Joshua Adams is grateful to spend another season with CVRep. From GILGAMESH to HAMLET to BEWITCHED: Josh is fascinated by the role stories play in the development of humanity; both good and evil. Beyond the theater he is a composer, producer, and multi-instrumentalist with internationally renowned rock band FEVER DOG. He values your patronage and hopes you enjoy the show.



EMMA BIBO - Costume Designer

California native Emma Bibo is thrilled to be returning to CVRep! Emma's previous design credits include Hand to God, Ophelia Lives! and Summer Session with the Bones Brigade. Emma is excited to continue her journey with CVRep! Thank you!



JIMMY CUOMO - Set Designer

CVRep's fresh start under the auidance of our new artistic director Adam Karsten was a terrific season. It was a highlight among my many years in Show Business. Working together was a great collaboration and I look forward to this season and what the future will bring. Thanks to you all too for coming back and keeping CVRep, and my love of theatre, flourishing.



MELINA GINN - Assistant Stage Manager

Melina Ginn is a multifaceted artist who holds her BA in Theatre from UC San Diego. Born and raised in Palm Springs, she is thrilled to be back in the desert with CVREP for another exciting season! Recent credits: Pippin! (North Coast Repertory Theatre), Ophelia Lives!, Hand to God, Once, Dirty Blonde, Fun Home, The Humans (CVREP), Cabaret (Cygnet Theatre).

CREATIVE TEAM BIOS



RYAN MARQUART - Properties Manager

With 30 years of professional theater experience, Ryan is excited to join CVRep! National/International tours include: A Soldier's Play, The Book of Mormon, Memphis the Musical, Dreamgirls, Dirty Dancing, The Color Purple, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels and The Boyfriend directed by Julie Andrews. Regional credits include productions at the Pasadena Playhouse, The Colony Theater, A Noise Within and CLO South Bay Cities. Proud member of the I.A.T.S.E. He is so very thankful to his friends and family for their love and inspiration!



LYNDA SHAEPS - Hair and Makeup Design

Lynda is a versatile hair/makeup, and wig designer comfortable in any entertainment media. Lynda is an Adjunct Professor at the College of the Desert, business owner of two salons, staff hair/makeup at Coachella Valley Rep, Mc Callum Theatre, Dezart Performs, affiliate IATSE 122, founder of Children's Playtime Productions, and Effect Artist. To name both past and current career work, Lynda has been honored to work in the arenas of film, tv, print, video and Special Effects. Some of Lynda's clients have included CNN, NBC, CBS, The Tennis Channel, ESPN. Lynda's resume also includes major celebrities, politicians, Grammy, and Academy Award winning talent. Lynda is honored and grateful to be working with Coachella Valley Rep.



MOIRA WILKIE - Lighting Design / Technical Director

An (almost) lifelong Coachella Valley resident, Moira was the former lighting designer for the Annenberg Theater in Palm Springs for nearly 20 years. She has had the pleasure of working with and lighting many of Broadway's greats as they tour through Palm Springs. What she enjoys most is working with local productions adding that extra "magic" to their shows. Moira is thrilled to be part of the CVRep family.

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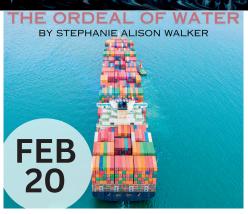
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Rafael Payare, Music Director

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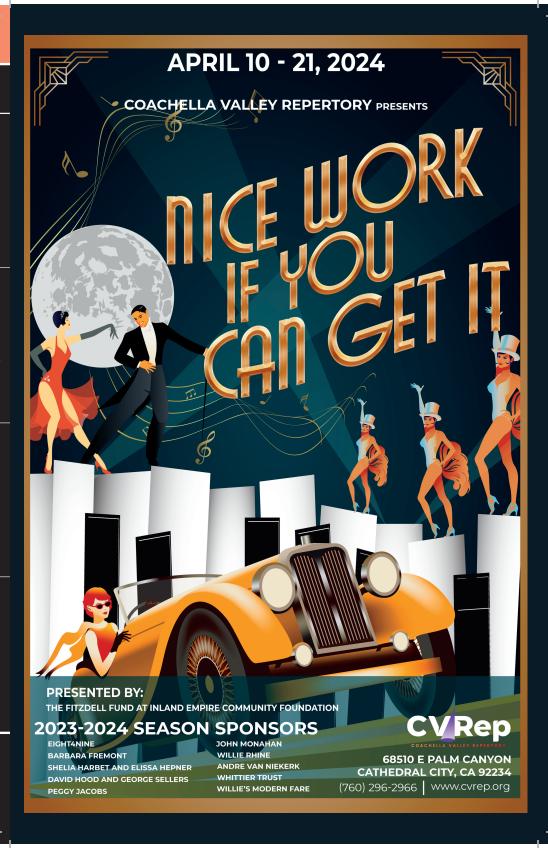
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