

2024 | 2025 SEASON 78



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"SLO REP continues to dazzle and demonstrate its immense value to our community in showing us our humanity..."

"Thought-provoking, moving and entertaining -- all at the same time! What a gift to the community!"

"...mind-blowingly wonderful. The best performance I've seen onstage in years- maybe, ever."





Welcome to the 2024-2025 Season!

As we begin our final two years at 888 Morro Street we are thrilled to bring our audiences a season of plays which celebrate the past, examine the present, and look to the future of SLO REP and arts in our community. Plays which will continue to connect people in ways that open the mind, nourish the soul, and illuminate our shared humanity.



This season will bring a diverse collection of incredibly gifted performers, directors, technicians, and designers into our theatre and our community, but we need your support to make this ambitious season come to life on our stage.

And the BEST way to continue to support San Luis Obispo County's only professional non-profit theatre is to BUY SEASON TICKETS!

DID YOU KNOW?

The last 6 mainstage productions at SLO REP have SOLD OUT!

Don't miss a moment of this incredible season. Become a season subscriber TODAY and get the BEST seats at the BEST price. You'll never hear the words SOLD OUT again!

With a lineup of shows that spans the spectrum of human emotion and theatrical genre, this season at San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre promises to be an unforgettable journey through the magic of live theatre.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more unforgettable characters and extraordinary stories with you in our 78th Season.

See you at the theatre,

Kevin Harris Managing Artistic Director

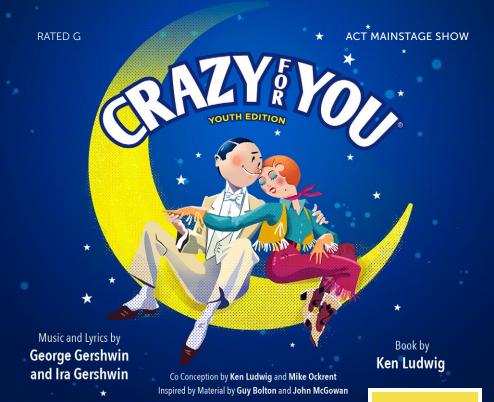


2024 | 2025 Season At-A-Glance

5 Mainstage Season Shows Get the best seats and save as a Season Subscriber!	The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)	Aug 16 - Sep 15, 2024
	Misery	Oct 11 - 27, 2024
	The Cake	Mar 28 - Apr 13, 2025
	l Hate Hamlet	May 2 - 18, 2025
	You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown	June 6 - 29, 2025
Holiday Show	A Christmas Story	Nov. 30 - Dec 22, 2024
Gala Musical	Million Dollar Quartet	Feb 7 - Mar 10, 2025
ACT Children & Family Shows	Crazy for You	July 18 - 28, 2024
	Twelfth Night	Jan 10 - 19, 2025
5 Ubu's Other Shoe Staged Readings	Fortinbras	Sept 20 - 21, 2024
	Molly Sweeney	Nov 1 - 2, 2024
	17 Raccoons	March 14 - 15, 2025
	Seminar	April 18 - 19, 2025
	Ada and the Engine	May 23 - 24, 2025



Join our Season Subscriber Family and order your tickets today!



I Got Rhythm, I Got Music... Who Could **Ask for Anything More?**

Join the talented young students of ACT for a zany rich-boy-meets-hometown-girl romantic comedy featuring the glorious and beloved music of George and Ira Gershwin.

"Makes everything old seem young again, the audience included." - FRANK RICH, THE NEW YORK TIMES

JUL 18 THROUGH **JUL 28**

Wed-Sat @ 7 pm Sat & Sun @ 2 pm

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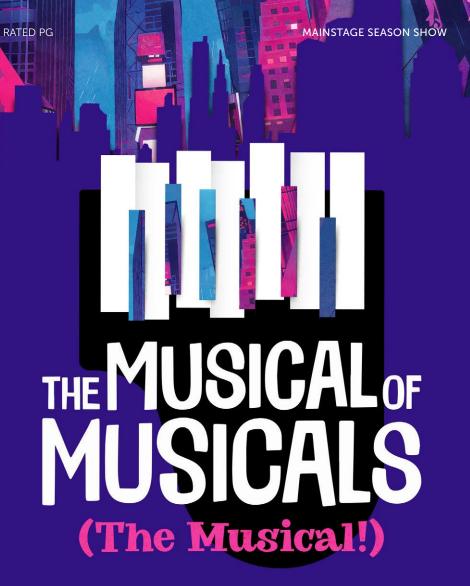
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Music by **Eric Rockwell**Lyrics by **Joanne Bogart**Book by **Eric Rockwell** and **Joanne Bogart**

AUG 16 THROUGH **SEP 15**

ONE STORY, **FIVE MUSICALS!**

Thu-Sat @ 7 pm Sat & Sun @ 2 pm

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Choreographer Sponsors Donna & Larry Coffey

You know the story: June is an ingenue who can't pay the rent and is threatened by her evil landlord. Will the handsome leading man come to the rescue? In this hilarious satire of musical theatre, one story is turned into five different mini musicals, each written in the distinctive style of a different master of the form:

- Rodgers & Hammerstein
- Stephen Sondheim
- Jerry Herman
- Andrew Llovd Webber
- Kander & Fbb

From Sondheim's tortured artistic genius to Andrew Lloyd Webber's rock musical, don't miss this delightful comic valentine to musical theatrell

"Funny, charming and refreshing! It hits its targets with sophisticated affection!" - NEW YORK MAGAZINE

"Hilarious! It'll keep you laughing from start to finish." - NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

MISERY

By William Goldman Based on the novel by Stephen King

OCT 11 OCT 27

Thu-Sat @ 7 pm Sat & Sun @ 2 pm

Wendy & Keith George

Carol MacCurdy & Tom Nuckols

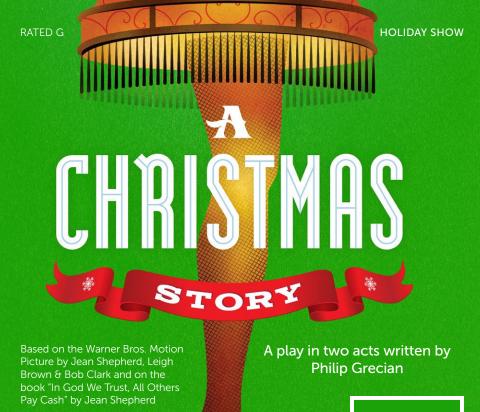
Valerie Pallai

He's writing like his life depends on it... it does.

Misery follows successful romance novelist Paul Sheldon, who is rescued from a car crash by his "number one fan," Annie Wilkes, and wakes up captive in her secluded home. While Paul is convalescing, Annie reads his latest book and becomes enraged when she discovers the author has killed off her favorite character, Misery Chastain.

"There are no lulls in famed screenwriter William Goldman's 90-minute stage adaptation of the Stephen King story...[it's] faster than snow piling up in a Colorado blizzard." - WNBC NY

Original Broadway production produced by Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures in association with Castle Rock Entertainment, Liz Glotzer, Mark Kaufman, Martin Shafer, Raymond Wu. World Premiere produced at Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, PA (Jed Bernstein, Producing Director)



San Luis Obispo's Holiday **Tradition Since 2014!**

Jean Shepherd's memoir of growing up in the Midwest in the 1940s follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker in his guest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun under the tree for Christmas. Ralphie pleads his case before his mother, his teacher and even Santa Claus himself, at Higbee's Department Store. The consistent response: "You'll shoot your eye out!" Bring the whole family to A Christmas Story for a heartwarming, funny, nostalgic holiday treat!

"Take the whole family for a truly wonderful tale, well-told." - SLO REVIEW

NOV 30 THROUGH **DEC 22**

Wed-Sun @ 7 pm Sat & Sun @ 2 pm

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Nicole & Jay Raftery, In Memory of Kay & John McCraw

Show Director Sponsor

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Generous tuition scholarships always available.

SLO REP's Academy of Creative Theatre offers year-round professional theatre arts training and performance opportunities for young artists. With programs for ages 3-18, ranging from beginners to advanced training, there's a class designed to engage students at every experience level. Whether your child is looking for a fun way to express themself or wants to take their theatrical training to the next level, ACT has something for everyone!

All programs are taught in a lively, supportive, and challenging environment by professional teaching artists at our headquarters at 3533 Empleo Street in San Luis Obispo.

- * Pre-K drama classes
- * After-school & weekend classes for ages 5-18
- School-break and summer camps
- * Two full productions on the SLO REP stage
- Classes available for homeschool groups
- Specialized workshops
- * Additional performance opportunities
- * Teen internships
- * And more!

Thanks to our ACT Sponsors

ACT Season Sponsors

Catherine & Richard Luckett
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William Shakespeare's TWELFTH OR WHAT YOU WILL

"If Music Be the Food of Love, Play On!"

The young actors of ACT take on Shakespeare's delightful comedy of love, disguise, confusion, cleverness and hilarity with, of course, a happy ending. Starting with a shipwreck and ending with a wedding, *Twelfth Night* is the perfect way to start the new year!

"Be not afraid of greatness. Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon 'em" — MALVOLIO, ACT 2 SCENE 5, TWELFTH NIGHT

JAN 10 THROUGH JAN 19

Thu-Sat @ 7 pm Sat & Sun @ 2 pm

Show Sponsors

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Show Director Sponsor



Bank on better.

ELVIS JERRY LEE CARL JOHNNY PRESLEY LEWIS PERKINS CASH

Book by COLIN ESCOTT and FLOYD MUTRUX
Original Concept and Direction by FLOYD MUTRUX
Inspired by ELVIS PRESLEY, JOHNNY CASH, JERRY LEE LEWIS and CARL PERKINS



GALA MUSICAL RATED PG



Wed-Sun @ 7 pm Sat & Sun @ 2 pm

Four Musical Legends. One Fabulous Show!

On a Tuesday night, shortly before Christmas 1956, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley gathered at Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee. This was their only performance, a cultural flashpoint that caught rock 'n' roll at the moment of creation. Million Dollar Quartet brings that legendary December night to life with an irresistible tale of broken promises, secrets, betrayal, and hit songs like Blue Suede Shoes, Walk the Line, Sixteen Tons, Hound Dog, and Great Balls of Fire.

Make your Valentine's Weekend extra special with an all-inclusive, elegant evening of FUN starting with a pre-show reception at Hotel SLO featuring delectable, generous hors d'oeuvres, wine, cocktails and more, capped off by a fabulous performance of MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET at SLO REP – an incomparable evening of entertainment in downtown SLO!

FEB 14, 2025 | Friday @ 5:30 pm **Reception at Hotel SLO Ballroom**

Hosted by

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Kathy Coull **Brenda Hock** Karen S. Kolba, MD

VALENTINE GALA PARTY & SHOW!

Originally developed and produced by Relevant Theatricals, John Cossette Productions and Northern Lights, Inc. at the Goodman Theatre, Robert Falls, Artistic Director - Roche Shulfer, Executive Director and transferred to The Apollo Theatre, Chicago, IL, 2008 Produced by the Village Theatre, Issaguah, Washington, Robb Hunt, Producer - Steve Tompkins, Artistic Director, 2007 and Seaside Music Theater, Daytona Beach, FL, Tippin Davidson, Producer - Lester Malizia, Artistic Director, 2006

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BY BEKAH BRUNSTETTER

MAR 28 THROUGH **APR 13**

Thu-Sat @ 7 pm Sat & Sun @ 2 pm

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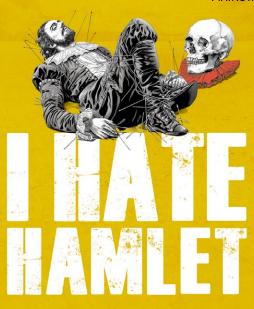
Dianne N. Long

A Delicious Comedy.

Della makes cakes, not judgment calls – those she leaves to her husband, Tim. But when the girl she helped raise comes back home to North Carolina to get married, and the fiancé is actually a fiancée, Della's life gets turned upside down. She can't really make a cake for such a wedding, can she? For the first time in her life, Della has to think for herself. Faith, family, and frosting collide in this timely new play from the writer of NBC's This is Us.

"Brilliant... Powerful and meaningful... great writing."

- LA POST-EXAMINER



BY PAUL RUDNICK

To Be...or Not To Be?

In Paul Rudnick's hilarious dramatic comedy, when television star Andrew Rally moves back to New York and finds himself cast as Hamlet, nothing seems right. With lucrative offers of shallow television shows, selfdoubt, fear of the greatest of roles, and a girlfriend who won't have sex with him, it takes the supernatural intervention of the ghost of Andrew's apartment's former resident-the legendary John Barrymore-to help Andrew confront the challenges of life on stage (and in the bedroom)

"...Fast-mouthed and funny...It has the old-fashioned Broadway virtues of brightness without pretensions and sentimentality without morals." - VILLAGE VOICE

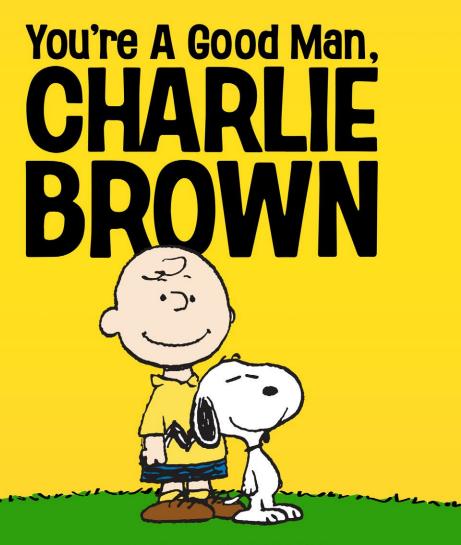
MAY 02 THROUGH **MAY 18**

Thu-Sat @ 7pm Sat & Sun @ 2 pm

Show Sponsor

Diane Dekker Clausen

Show Director Sponsor Susan Minker



Based on the comic strip *PEANUTS* by CHARLES M. SCHULZ Book, Music and Lyrics by CLARK GESNER

Additional Dialogue by MICHAEL MAYER
Additional Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA

JUN 06 THROUGH **JUN 29**

Happiness is...

Wed-Sat @ 7 pm Sat & Sun @ 2 pm

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Deon Dunaway Pam & Mitch Nichter Michael & Maryellen Simkins

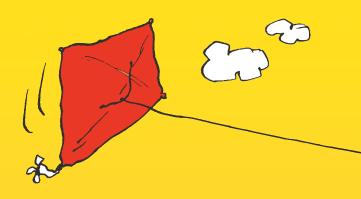
Show Director Sponsor Heather Billing

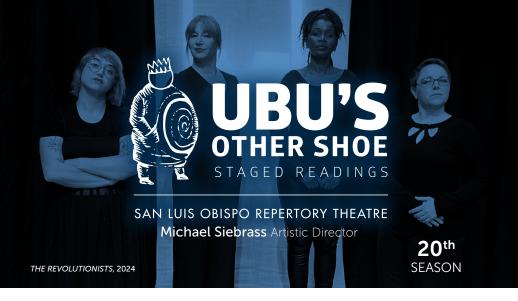
Musical Director Sponsor Brenda Hock

Choreographer Sponsors The Family of Grace Bernadette Langere

Happiness is great musical theatre! With charm, wit, and heart, You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown explores life through the eyes of Charlie Brown and his friends in the Peanuts gang. Musical numbers include My Blanket and Me, The Kite, The Baseball Game, Little Known Facts, Suppertime, and Happiness. Guaranteed to please audiences of all ages!

"Familiar and fun, this is a show that comforts your nostalgic inner child while welcoming the newer generations with open arms." – DC METRO THEATRE ARTS





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About Ubu's Other Shoe & Staged Readings

In 2004, Michael Siebrass directed a staged reading of Gore Vidal's thoughtprovoking political satire, The Best Man, at SLO Little Theatre. 20 years and 119 plays later, we are thrilled to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of this challenging, thoughtprovoking and ground-breaking series of shows called Ubu's Other Shoe!

Our staged reading series is named after the infamous trilogy of plays written by Alred Jarry (Ubu Roi) that were banned from the stage after riots erupted on opening night. This exciting series of shows exists to offer actors, directors and audience members an opportunity to experience incredible plays that do not necessarily fit into our regular mainstage season.

Thank you, Michael, for taking us on this theatrical journey.



20TH SEASON SHOWS

All shows are Friday @ 7 pm / Saturday @ 2 & 7 pm



By Lee Blessing

September 20-21, 2024

Pre-Show Opening Night Celebration Friday, September 20, 2024 - 6 pm

"...only Blessing would possess the nerve and the talent to undertake such a task...Where we suffered and wailed at the consequences of Shakespeare's tragedy, we can laugh along with Blessing at what follows in its wake...Shakespeare himself would have loved it." - DRAMA-LOGUE

Show Sponsors

Judy Hemenway & Jon Fellows

By Brian Friel

November 1-2, 2024



"MOLLY SWEENEY...is one of those marvelous onion plays...As you peel away each plump and juicy layer, another layer emerges underneath, and yet another...What a marvelous play this is! See itwander in it and wonder at it." - NEW YORK POST

Show Sponsor Dave Christy

Written & Performed by Jill Turnbow

March 14-15, 2025



Some people don't slide their way to the bottom, sometimes the bottom reaches up and knocks them out. Jill shares the intimate details of a two-year period when "the highlight was being diagnosed with cancer." Finding the hilarious moments in family trauma and learning to be specific in her life's plans, Jill brings her new onewoman show to the SLO REP stage.

Show Sponsor Janice Fong Wolf

By Theresa Rebeck

April 18-19, 2025



"Big laughs... an authentic rush of pleasure." - THE NEW YORK TIMES "FIVE STARS! Sexy, savvy and uproarious." - TIME OUT NEW YORK

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Jeanie & Andy Greensfelder

By Lauren Gunderson



May 23-24, 2025

...wise and witty...a very smart and skillful Victorian parlor drama." - SF WEEKLY

Show Sponsors

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The Show Must Go On!

Unforgettable Characters. Extraordinary Stories. Since 1947.

Your donations help to bring the lights up on every SLO REP performance, connecting audience and actors in a powerful shared experience, bringing thought-provoking ideas, diverse points of view and high quality entertainment to our beautiful Central Coast.

Supporting great live theatre doesn't have to be complicated! Check out these five great ways to support SLO REP:

- 1 Make a tax-deductible donation. You may choose to support our Annual Fund or SLO REP's Capital Campaign for *A New Stage*. Better yet, do both! Your gift today can help shape the future of SLO REP and downtown San Luis Obispo for years to come.
- 2 Donor-Advised Funds. Designate a gift from your personal or family fund. You've already enjoyed the tax benefits of your gift, now you can enjoy sharing those funds in support of live theatre.
- **Give More and Owe Less!** If you're 72 or older, a donation to SLO REP can count as your required minimum distribution from your IRA, plus save you money on taxes! (Please consult your tax advisor for details.)
- 4 Host an Actor or Director in your Home. It's a great way to get to know some very interesting artists, AND provide valuable support for the theatre.
- 5 Leave a Legacy. Designate a gift to SLO REP in your will or estate plans to support the future of live theatre in our community for years to come.

Donate online at slorep.org or call (805) 781-3889, ext. 15 for more information.



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\$100+

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Complimentary drink coupon for SLO REP bar

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PRODUCER

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Concierge ticketing service before sales are open to the public

Four (4) complimentary tickets to any show (by request)

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ANGEL

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All Executive Producer benefits plus special custom benefits designed just for you

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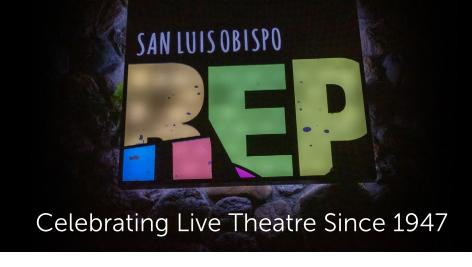


2025 Donor Reception and Season Preview

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Donors of \$1,000 or more will receive an invitation to our donor reception and season preview party. Honored guests will enjoy light refreshments and an exciting "first look" at our next season of shows.





In 1947, a small group of plucky theatre-lovers came together with a brilliant idea: "Hey, let's put on a show!" 77 years and more than 1,600 productions later, SLO REP is proud to be SLO County's premier nonprofit, year-round professional theatre company. Thank you for joining us for our 78th Season of unforgettable characters and extraordinary stories!

Mission

SLO REP strengthens theatre's cultural influence and enriches the Central Coast by producing professional theatre, nurturing artists and providing theatre education for children and adults.

Our Belief

We believe that live theatre's powerful storytelling connects people in ways that open the mind, nourish the soul and illuminate our shared humanity.

A New Stage

SLO REP is currently in the final stages of a Capital Campaign raising funds to build a beautiful 2-theatre venue in downtown San Luis Obispo. This new, state-of-the-art facility will enhance our downtown's historic role as the beating heart of SLO County's rich culture and economy and confirm San Luis Obispo as a premier destination for arts and culture in our region. Please join us and help to make this dream a reality.

For more information or to make a donation, please visit slorep.org/a-new-stage

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SLO REP is located in the heart of downtown San Luis Obispo surrounded by great restaurants, shopping, galleries, museums and so much to enjoy! We recommend arriving early, or staying a little later to enjoy our lively downtown scene. Dine at one of our great restaurants or enjoy a drink at one of our local bars. Stroll downtown and visit the Museum of Art and our historic Mission, take a creek walk, enjoy shopping at the many, many interesting and eclectic shops downtown or why not turn your daytrip into a full-fledged vacation? San Luis Obispo hotels and homestays offer travelers a restful night's sleep after an enjoyable afternoon or evening at SLO REP.

San Luis Obispo is the hub of all things that make California's Central Coast an amazing place to visit and to live. So come on... stay awhile and discover the SLO life.

You can explore all of these SLO vacation ideas and book your stay at visitslo.com.



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5 Great Shows, 1 Low Price for both Premium and Preferred Seating! Get the BEST SEATS, at the BEST PRICE and never hear the words SOLD OUT again!



Easy to Order

- Complete a Season Ticket Order Form (enclosed or download at slorep.org)
- 2 Return the form with your payment to the Box Office
- 3 We'll do the rest and send you your tickets by July 15th!

BENEFITS

- First dibs on great seats for all shows – and SLO REP staff books your seats for you!
- 2 Lowest prices Save up to 10% on all 5 Mainstage Season Shows
- 3 Priority Seating for Million Dollar Quartet – with a discount!
- 4 Easy Exchanges Can't make a show? No problem. Just give us a call and we're happy to exchange your seats.

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JUNE 12

JULY 10

JULY 15

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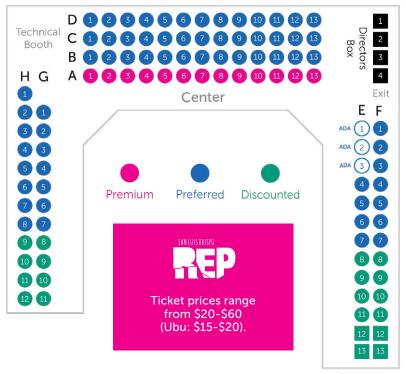
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