



# THEATRE RHINOCEROS

GLAAD MEDIA AWARD WINNER

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### *The Rhino Summer Reading Series*

#### **Mass Appeal**

By Bill C. Davis

#### **Last Summer at Bluefish Cove**

By Jane Chambers

**Production Company:** Theatre Rhinoceros  
**Title:** *The Rhino Summer Reading Series*  
**Mass Appeal** by Bill C. Davis  
**Last Summer at Bluefish Cove** by Jane Chambers  
**Creative Team:** Claire Bauman, Molly Benson, Jan Brown, Tamar Cohn, John Fisher, Dave Gardner, Christina Geracci, Ann Lawler, Jon Wakeung Lowe, Theresa Nguyen, and Jimmy Walden, Jimmy Whelan, and David Wilson  
**Venue:** Thick House  
1695 18<sup>th</sup> Street @ Arkansas  
(Muni: 22 and 33 Bus Lines)  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
**Dates:** *Mass Appeal:* Monday, June 25 @ 800 PM  
*Last Summer at Bluefish Cove:* Thursday, June 28 @ 800 PM  
**For Reservations:** (415) 552-4100  
**TIX:** Free  
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Two great queer plays in staged readings! It's The Rhino Summer Reading Series. These are the plays that should be on every summer reading list. Admission is free of charge.

The Plays:

***Mass Appeal*** by Bill C. Davis. This brilliantly funny yet compassionate play had a long and critically hailed Broadway run. The play explores the conflict between an established older priest and the impassioned young seminarian who challenges the validity of his well-routined regimen. "There are few more invigorating theatrical experiences than hearing the voice of a gifted writer for the first time." —*NY Times*. "...Davis has a funniness that is more benign, more interwoven with elemental human weakness and strengths, more forthright than wit. Humor, in short." —*NY Magazine*. "...one of those very rare plays which not only entertains but also educates." —*The Hollywood Reporter*.

***Last Summer at Bluefish Cove*** by Jane Chambers. The late Jane Chambers' *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove* is a lovely study of relationships set in the lesbian world. Chambers wrote the play in 1976, after a close friend died of cancer. Chambers herself died of a brain tumor in 1983. The central character is a vibrant, self-confident woman named Lil Zalinski, who is spending the summer alone in a cottage on a New England beach that has been a lesbian haven for 30 years. Also at the cove are her dearest friends, three couples, including a pair of former lovers. There's Earth mother Rae and her partner, Annie, an acclaimed sculptor who is Lil's best friend; Kitty Cochrane, a doctor turned best-selling author of feminist books, and her partner-secretary, Rita; and rich dowager Sue with her girl-toy, Donna.

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**Theatre Rhinoceros**, America's longest running professional queer theatre, develops and produces works of theatre that enlighten, enrich, and explore both the ordinary and extraordinary aspects of our queer community.