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Theatre Rhinoceros presents...

FLIM-FLAM

A World-Premiere Comedy

Written & Directed by John Fisher

Feb. 24, 2017 - Mar. 18, 2017

Limited Engagement - 4 Weeks! - 21 Performances.

Opening Night: Thurs., March 2, 2017 – 8:00 pm

Eureka Theatre - 215 Jackson St., (at Battery St.) SF, CA 94111

www.TheRhino.org

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Flim-Flam definition: noun: flim-flam -□nonsensical or insincere talk.
 verb: flim-flam- swindle (someone) with a confidence game.

*[Flim-Flam replaces the previously announced play *Ding-Dong*. This change was made because of the current changing nature of the American political landscape. John Fisher - the playwright - feels that *FLIM-FLAM* and its subject are more germane to the previously announced *show*. *Ding-Dong* will be presented in a subsequent season when and if things calm down politically.]*

Performance Dates: Feb. 24, 2017 - Mar. 18, 2017

Previews (5) Fri., Feb. 24, 2017 - 8:00 pm
 Sat., Feb. 25 - 3:00 pm
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 Sun., Feb. 26 - 3:00 pm
 Wed., March 1 - 8:00 pm
 (No Press at Previews Please)

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Perf. Dates & Times (after previews): Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. -8:00 pm
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March 7	- Tues. 7:00 pm
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Shows are at **Eureka Theatre, 215 Jackson St.**, (at Battery St.) SF, CA 94111
– Embarcadero BART

Tickets are \$15 - \$40 and are available at <http://www.therhino.org/buy.htm> or
1-800-838-3006. (All Previews are pay-what-you-wish at the door.)

FLIM-FLAM features Bay Area actors:

Daniel Chung (Endin), **Kevin Copps** (*Hurricane*), **Donald Currie** (*Dobbin's*), **John Fisher***
(*Playwright/Director/Aaron*), **Krystal Piamonte** (*Zika Mom*), **Jesse C. Vaughn** (*Hammer*.)

*Member, Actors' Equity Association

Tech Credits:

David Draper (Costumes), **Sean Keehan** (Lighting Designer), **Mercedes McLean** (Stage Manager), **Bert van Aalsburg** (Sets), **David Wilson** (Graphics/Photography/Ads).

To arrange an interview with playwright/director/actor **John Fisher** or any of the actors or for additional info, contact **Lawrence Helman - 415- 661-1260** lhelman@sbcglobal.net

Synopsis - FLIM-FLAM

Three actors are desperate for work. They try commercials, they try theatre, they even try movies of questionable repute but all fails. So they take their show on the road hoping to find employment in America's heartland. There they discover an America redder than red and a society on the verge of implosion and despair. Set in the present day, this comedy speaks to the darkest psyche of a troubled nation.

Selected Bios:

John Fisher (Playwright/Director/Aaron) is a playwright, director, and actor. Recent play writing credits include his play *Shakespeare Goes to War* (nominated for six 2016 Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards) and *To Sleep and Dream* (2014 Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award Winner for Best Script) as well as his direction of and acting in the Theatre Bay Area

Award-winning production of Alan Bennett's *The Habit of Art* and the TBA Recommended Production of *Breaking the Code* (nominated for five 2016 Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards). John also acted in both *Shakespeare Goes to War* and *Breaking the Code* and was nominated as Best Leading Actor of 2016 for both performances. In the 2014-15 season John directed the West Coast Premiere of David Mamet's *The Anarchist*. Last year he played Garry in *Present Laughter* and Dysart in *Equus*.

Theatre Rhinoceros - Founded in 1977, The Rhino is the longest running LGBT theatre in the nation. We develop and produce works of theatre that enlighten, enrich, and explore both the ordinary and the extraordinary aspects of our queer community. Our emphasis is on new works, works about under-represented members of the larger queer community, and revivals of lesser known queer classics. Over the years Theatre Rhinoceros has received many awards of recognition including: Theatre Rhinoceros Day in the City Proclamation from Mayor Gavin Newsome, State Assembly Certificate of Recognition from Senator Mark Leno, recognitions from Congressperson Nancy Pelosi and Assembly Persons Tom Ammiano and Carole Migden, numerous Cable Car, BATCC and TBA Awards and Nominations, and the GLAAD Media Award for Best LGBT Theatre.

Calendar Editors:

WHAT: **FLIM-FLAM**
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Public Service Announcements (PSA's) for

FLIM-FLAM - A World-Premiere Comedy - Written & Directed by John Fisher
Limited Engagement - 4 Weeks! - 19 Performances. Feb. 24, 2017 - Mar. 18, 2017
A Theatre Rhinoceros production at Eureka Theatre in SF.

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Upcoming shows in Theatre Rhinoceros –39th Anniversary Season

A whole new season of LGBT plays all performed at our new home The Eureka Theatre 215 Jackson St., (at Battery St.) SF, CA 94111 in beautiful Downtown San Francisco! Join us for a wild ride in 2016-17!

Priscilla, Queen of the Desert

The Musical

by Stephan Elliott and Allan Scott

The glorious musical adventure about over the top gender-illusionists, drag shows, Down Under, and what we will do for love.

May 27 - July 2, 2017

Eureka Theatre - 215 Jackson St., (at Battery St.) in San Francisco.

Special Event

Lear!

An Outdoor Shakespeare Adventure

In the spirit of *Titus!* and *Timon!*, The Rhino takes to the park once again for another walkabout production. A Co-Production of the Yerba Buena Gardens Festival.

July 7- 9, 2017

Yerba Buena Gardens - 750 Howard St. (Btw'n 3rd & 4th Sts.) in San Francisco

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