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Theatre Rhinoceros presents a pop-up production:

TRADE

Written by Mark O'Halloran

Directed by Ely Sonny Orquiza

April 5-14, 2019

Limited Engagement - 2 Weeks Only! – 6 Performances.

Opening Night: Friday, April 5, 8:00 pm (Reception to follow)

Spark Arts Gallery – 4229 18th St., SF, CA 94114

www.TheRhino.org

SYNOPSIS:

Trade is a play by Irish Mark O'Halloran depicting an encounter between a respectable, but closeted, middle-aged man and the young man he hires for company. A tense, but delicate, interchange after which everything will be different.

Shows are at **Spark Arts Gallery – 4229 18th St., SF, CA 94114**

– Castro MUNI Station Tickets are \$10-\$15 and available at

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4100839> or at the door.

TRADE features Bay Area Actors:

John Tranchitella and Michael Mikee Loria

Performance Dates: April 5-14, 2019

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Individual performance dates are: March 16-March 23, 2019

Friday, April 5 8pm

Sunday, April 7 - 2 pm

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Saturday, April 13 - 8pm

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To arrange an interview with directors, playwright, or any of the actors or for additional info, contact Ely Sonny Orquiza **415/ 509-1458** elysonny.orquiza@gmail.com

Bios:

MARK O'HALLORAN is an Irish scriptwriter and actor. He is a native of Ennis, County Clare. He has written award-winning[1][2] screenplays for the films *Adam & Paul* (in which he co-starred) and *Garage* and the RTÉ mini-series *Prosperity*.

ELY SONNY ORQUIZA (He/Him; We/Us) is a Queer Filipino multidisciplinary Actor, Director and Teaching Artist based in San Francisco, Bay Area. Through theater and performance art, **Orquiza** explores the role of the Asian American diaspora, ancestral ghosts, and the politics of Queer/ness for the American Stage. He champions new works by Artists of Color, examines previously untold folklores, and advocates for undiscovered works highlighting multiethnic narratives.

He is a faculty at the American Conservatory Theater's Young Conservatory, a teaching artist for the two-time Obie Award Winning Magic Theater and StageBridge: A Senior Theatre Company, among others.

Orquiza has been in various works at the African-American Shakespeare Company, American Conservatory Theater, Bindlestiff Studio, Cal Performances, Campo Santo, Crowded Fire Theatre, Custom Made Theatre Co., Magic Theatre, New Conservatory Theatre Center, PianoFight, Playwright's Foundation, Playwright's Center of San Francisco, San Francisco Opera and Theatre Rhinoceros.

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 Newsom, 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:

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Public Service Announcements (PSA's) for

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