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Theatre Rhinoceros presents:

SCOTUS GAY: A Live-Remote On-Line Reading of a

World Premier Play

Written and Directed by the John Fisher

April 7, 2020 @ 700pm

One Presentation Only!

Live-Remote Reading: Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm.

LIVE on ZOOM - go to

www.TheRhino.org

@ 645pm on Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Running Time: 90 minutes, no intermission

SYNOPSIS:

In resposses to the COVID-19 Crisis, our next project - a staged reading of a new play about the current Supreme Court battles over "gay firing" - will be presented as a Zoom Event. It will be live, but watched on-line and performed by actors all individually in their remote locations. This will be a completely free event.

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*Supreme Court of the United States

SCOTUS GAY features Bay Area Actors:

Jeremy Cole, Suzy Jane Edwards, John Fisher*, Arya Kamangar, Mary Strauss, and Joe Tally.

*Member, Actors' Equity Association

Tech Credit:

John Fisher (Director)

Performance Date: April 7, 2020

To arrange an interview with the director/playwright or any of the actors or for additional info, contact John Fisher jofish94117@yahoo.com or 917-553-7165

BIOS:

JOHN FISHER (Playwright/Director/Actor) recently completed a six-month run of his show *A History of World War II* at The Marsh, after playing two runs of the show in Manhattan (United Solo/Theatre Row – Best Actor Award 2017 - and Pangea) and another in Los Angeles (The Broadwater.) He is a two-time winner of the Will Glickman Award, as well as being a recipient of the GLAAD Media Award. His plays include the award-winning *Action Hero*, *Shakespeare Goes to War*, *To Sleep and Dream*, *Combat!* and *Medea*, *the Musical*. His new hit play *Radical* had its extended run terminated by the COVID-19 crisis on March 13, 2020. www.JohnFisher.biz.

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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TIX: Free and Open to the Public @ www.TheRhino.org; no

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Public Service Announcements (PSA's) for

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