THEATRE RHINOCEROS

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<u>SHOW CANCELLED</u> THE 2021 RHINO HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA With Host Tanika Baptiste and Featuring the Best in Queer Talent

Announcement:

Show Cancellation

Due to increasing concerns about the spread of the Omicron Variant, Theatre Rhinoceros is cancelling its 2021 Holiday Extravaganza at the Gateway Theatre, previously scheduled to perform on Thursday, December 30, 2021. Motivated by concern for the health of our artists, patrons and staff, Theatre Rhinoceros has taken the decision to postpone indefinitely its annual Holiday show. This show will be presented at a later as-yet-to-be-determined date. It is with great disappointment that we take this step. We have shown our willingness to run acceptable levels of risk via our hit in-person production of AT THE WAKE OF A DEAD DRAG QUEEN and literally dozens of in-person solo-shows and readings in the earlier part of the "reopening of theatres." Sadly, we do not feel that the current climate affords an acceptable level of risk. Currently we are planning to present HOW BLACK MOTHERS SAY I LOVE YOU at the previously announced first performance of March 17, 2022.

Ticket purchasers, of both full priced and discounted tickets, will be refunded the full purchase price.

Subscribers will be apprised of a replacement offering, when it is known, for this cancellation.

We salute the artists and patrons who wanted to go forward with his evening. It is those people who have kept Theatre Rhinoceros going through the current crisis, as well as our supporters, both individual and governmental/foundational. We also salute the press who have leant their support to our programming during COVID-19.

Theatre Rhinoceros has survived many historic cataclysms. We are firm in our belief that The Rhino and the theatre community at large will survive the current crisis.

Musical-Comedy	
Production Company:	Theatre Rhinoceros
Title:	The 2021 Rhino Holiday Extravaganza
Starring:	Featuring The Cast of "Foodies the Musical", L. Duarte, Justin
	Lucas, Leandra Ramm, Bobby Singer, Stan Stone, Elsa Touché,
	Jesús U. BettaWork and More!
	Pianist: Ben Keim
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Performance Time:	215 Jackson Street @ Battery (Muni Bus Lines: All Market and Jackson Street Lines; BART: Embarcadero Station)

The single performance date is: Thursday, December 30, 2021 @ 800 PM - CANCELLED!

Publicity pictures are available for download on our website — www.TheRhino.org

Join powerhouse performer Tanika Baptiste (as your host), Rhino star and comedian Justin Lucas (*Midway*! and *Breaking the Code*), chanteuse Leandra Ramm (Judy Garland in *The Boy from Oz*), crooner Bobby Singer (*Hot Greek Boys*), spoken work artist Stan Stone (*Pandemic Performances*), drag artiste Elsa Touché (*The Edge*), comedian/songster Jesús U. BettaWork (2019 NYE Spectacular), the cast of the Morrie Bobrow's *Foodies: The Musical* (David Goodwin, Kim Larsen, Lisa McHenry and Deborah Russo) and More! It will be an evening of song, dance, comedy, celebration, with drinks, food, raffles and a huge balloon drop – a full day before New Year's Eve! Who could ask for anything more?

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.