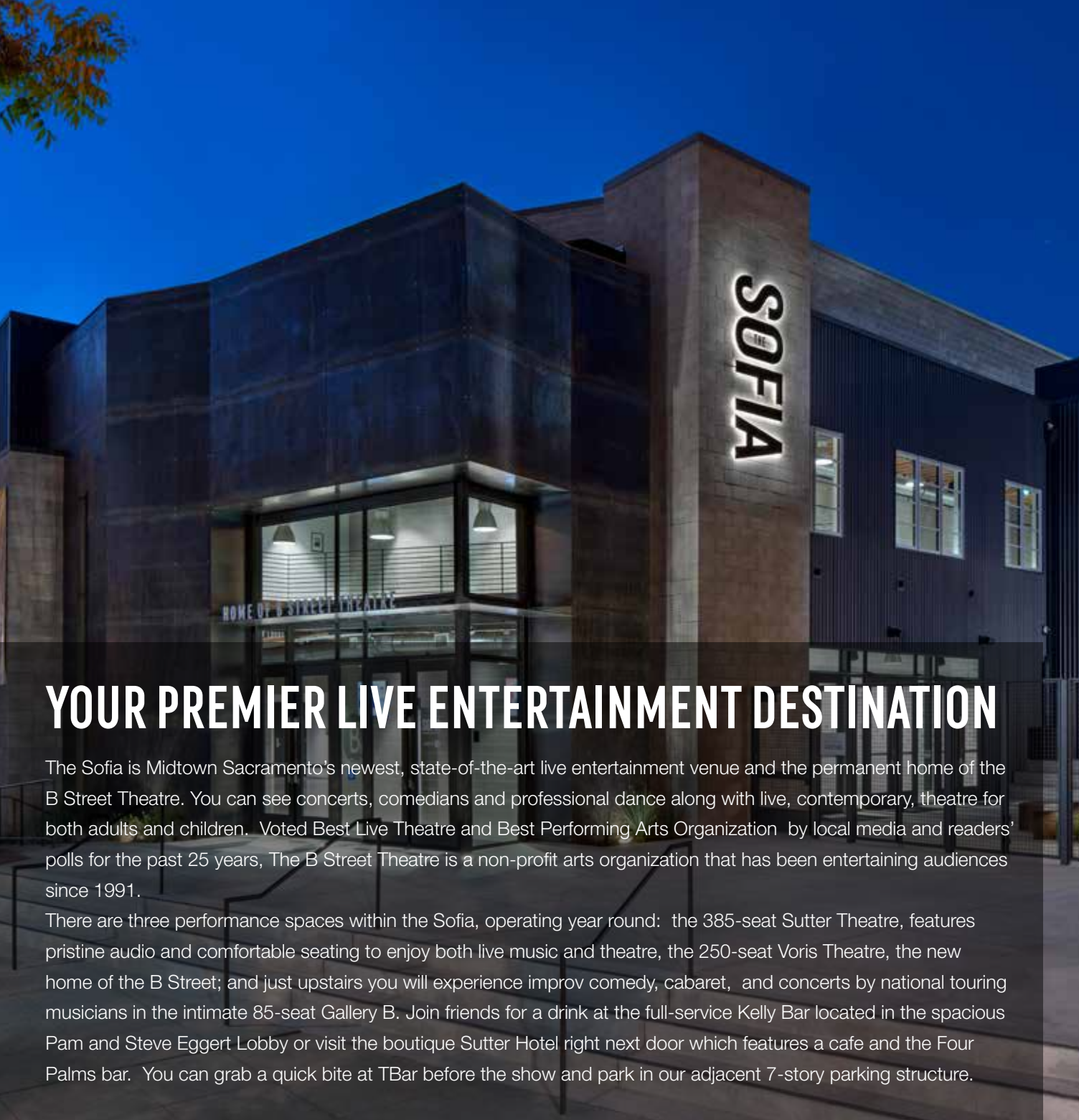


# THE SOFIA

HOME OF B STREET THEATRE







# YOUR PREMIER LIVE ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION

The Sofia is Midtown Sacramento’s newest, state-of-the-art live entertainment venue and the permanent home of the B Street Theatre. You can see concerts, comedians and professional dance along with live, contemporary, theatre for both adults and children. Voted Best Live Theatre and Best Performing Arts Organization by local media and readers’ polls for the past 25 years, The B Street Theatre is a non-profit arts organization that has been entertaining audiences since 1991.

There are three performance spaces within the Sofia, operating year round: the 385-seat Sutter Theatre, features pristine audio and comfortable seating to enjoy both live music and theatre, the 250-seat Voris Theatre, the new home of the B Street; and just upstairs you will experience improv comedy, cabaret, and concerts by national touring musicians in the intimate 85-seat Gallery B. Join friends for a drink at the full-service Kelly Bar located in the spacious Pam and Steve Eggert Lobby or visit the boutique Sutter Hotel right next door which features a cafe and the Four Palms bar. You can grab a quick bite at TBar before the show and park in our adjacent 7-story parking structure.

## B STREET THEATRE’S RATING SYSTEM

-  **HEARTTHROB**  
*Fall in love!*
-  **COMEDY**  
*Will make you laugh!*
-  **DRAMA**  
*Insightful, tear jerker*
-  **SPICY**  
*Sexy, edgy!*
-  **EDUCATIONAL**  
*Learn something!*
-  **ADVENTURE**  
*Excitement and exploration!*
-  **MUSICAL**  
*Song and dance!*



## ABOUT B STREET THEATRE’S 2023 THEATRE FOR GROWNUPS

B Street Theatre is where audiences turn to see the most entertaining and relevant plays of our time. Provocative, heartfelt and hilarious, B Street offers works for all audiences that delight, engage and inspire.

“IF YOU HAVEN’T BEEN TO THE SOFIA AT 2700 CAPITOL AVE., IT’S AN ARCHITECTURAL MARVEL, WITH A SIMULTANEOUS INTIMACY AND GRANDEUR. ITS AUDITORIUM DOESN’T HAVE A BAD SEAT IN IT AND THERE’S A NO-HOST BAR IN THE LOBBY, MAKING THIS VENUE SACRAMENTO’S LIVELIEST HOME FOR THE LIVELIEST OF ARTS”

– ED GOLDMAN, ARTBEAT

(Left to Right) Brittnei Barger and Peter Story (*Love and Baseball*, by Jerry Montoya)



**NOVEMBER 16 – DECEMBER 24, 2022**

With an aging body, too much cocoa and cookies, a staff of suddenly woke elves, the North Pole melting and 80 million more gifts to deliver this Christmas than last, Santa has finally hit a wall...and Mrs. Claus wants to do something about it. But will he listen?



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A delightful,  
heartwarming  
comedy for  
the holidays!

# The Lost Claus

by Buck Busfield

**JANUARY 18 – FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

A musical love story, THE LAST WIDE OPEN follows the near hits and misses of Lina and Roberto's relationship. Through three different yet parallel realities, Lina (a waitress) and Roberto (an Italian immigrant) meet and waver between connection and heartbreak. Accompanied by the sweet folk sounds of guitar and ukulele, THE LAST WIDE OPEN is a heart-warming musical about the mystical ways the universe conspires to bring us all together.



# THE LAST WIDE OPEN

BY AUDREY CEFALY

MUSIC COMPOSED BY  
MATTHEW M.  
NIELSON

THERE'S ALWAYS A  
CHANCE AT LOVE.





**MARCH 8 – APRIL 16, 2023**

In modern-day London, an emotionally exhausted Joan Watson moves to the U.K. to restart her life. However, she has little money and no place to live. Enter Ms. Sherlock Holmes, an erratic but brilliant private investigator who is absolutely bored and looking for an intriguing case to take on. When the two team up, they become one of the most famous investigative teams in London. But what danger awaits them? **MS. HOLMES AND MS. WATSON** is a hilarious update on the classic Arthur Conan Doyle tales, with a gender-bending twist.



# MS. **HOLMES & MS. WATSON**

BY **Kate Hamill** **APT. 2B**

Sherlock Holmes—like you’ve never seen **her** before.

**APRIL 26 – JUNE 4, 2023**

**BROKE-LOGY** is a tender look at the King family at a crossroads. Now widowed, William lives in the same house where he and his wife raised their two sons. As William deals with the challenges of getting older, the boys must face the prospect of taking care of their father while also pursuing their own best lives. How can the family overcome these trials? With love, a little sibling rivalry, and most of all: humor.



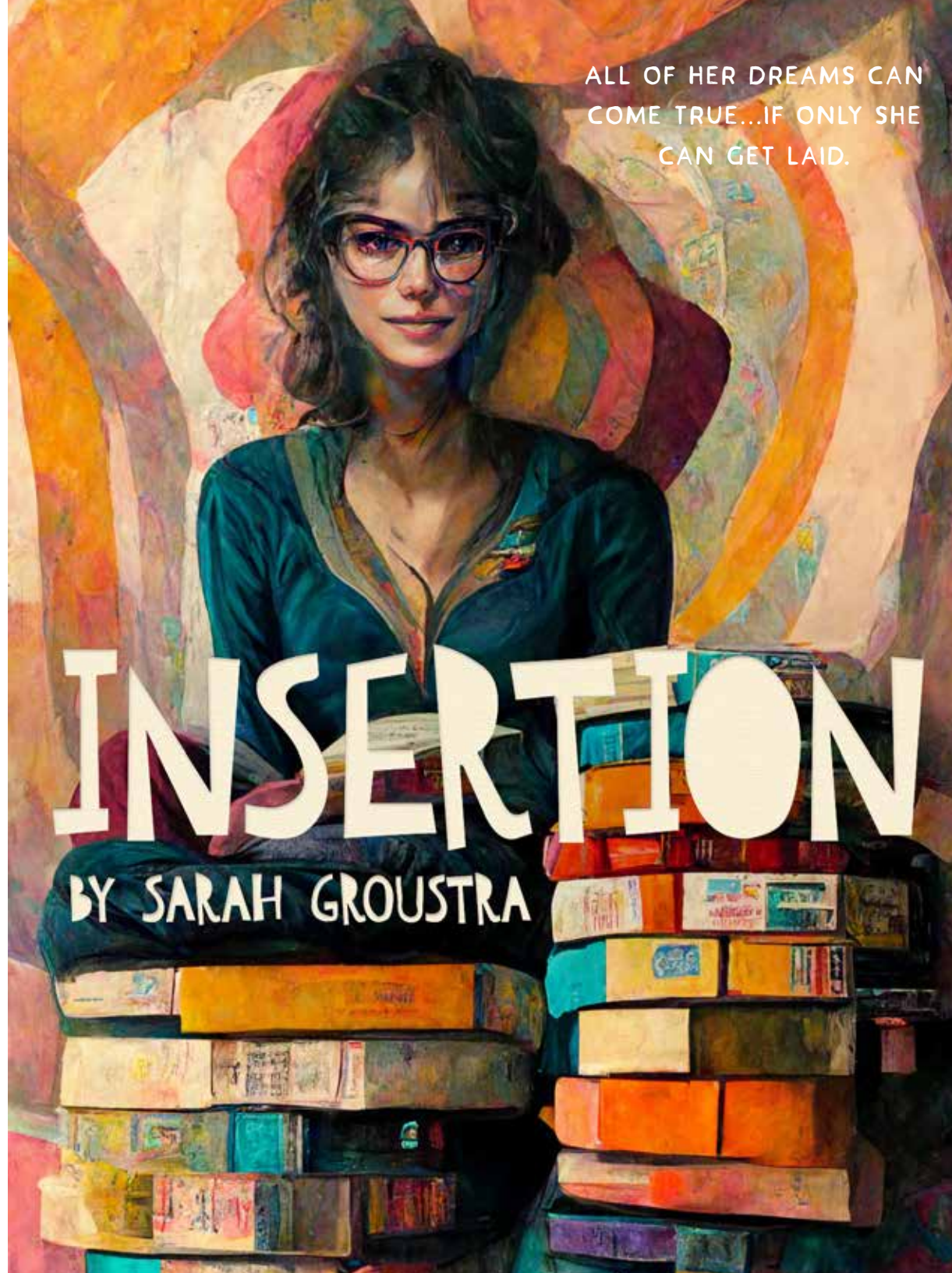
BY  
**NATHAN  
LOUIS  
JACKSON**

IT TAKES THE CARE OF FAMILY TO HEAL WOUNDS OF THE PAST.



**JULY 5 – AUGUST 13, 2023**

Maisie has finally landed an apprenticeship at the prestigious Red Key Publishing House, with acclaimed fiction author Gilda Tarrington assigned as her mentor. But posh, ancient Gilda has a secret: she's really the mind behind the famous pseudonym of an erotic paperback empire, and she believes Maisie has the potential to be her successor. Determined not to lose her first major writing opportunity, Maisie sets out to learn everything she can about sex in a series of hilarious, harrowing, and heartwarming escapades.



**BROADWAY'S  
SMASH HIT!**

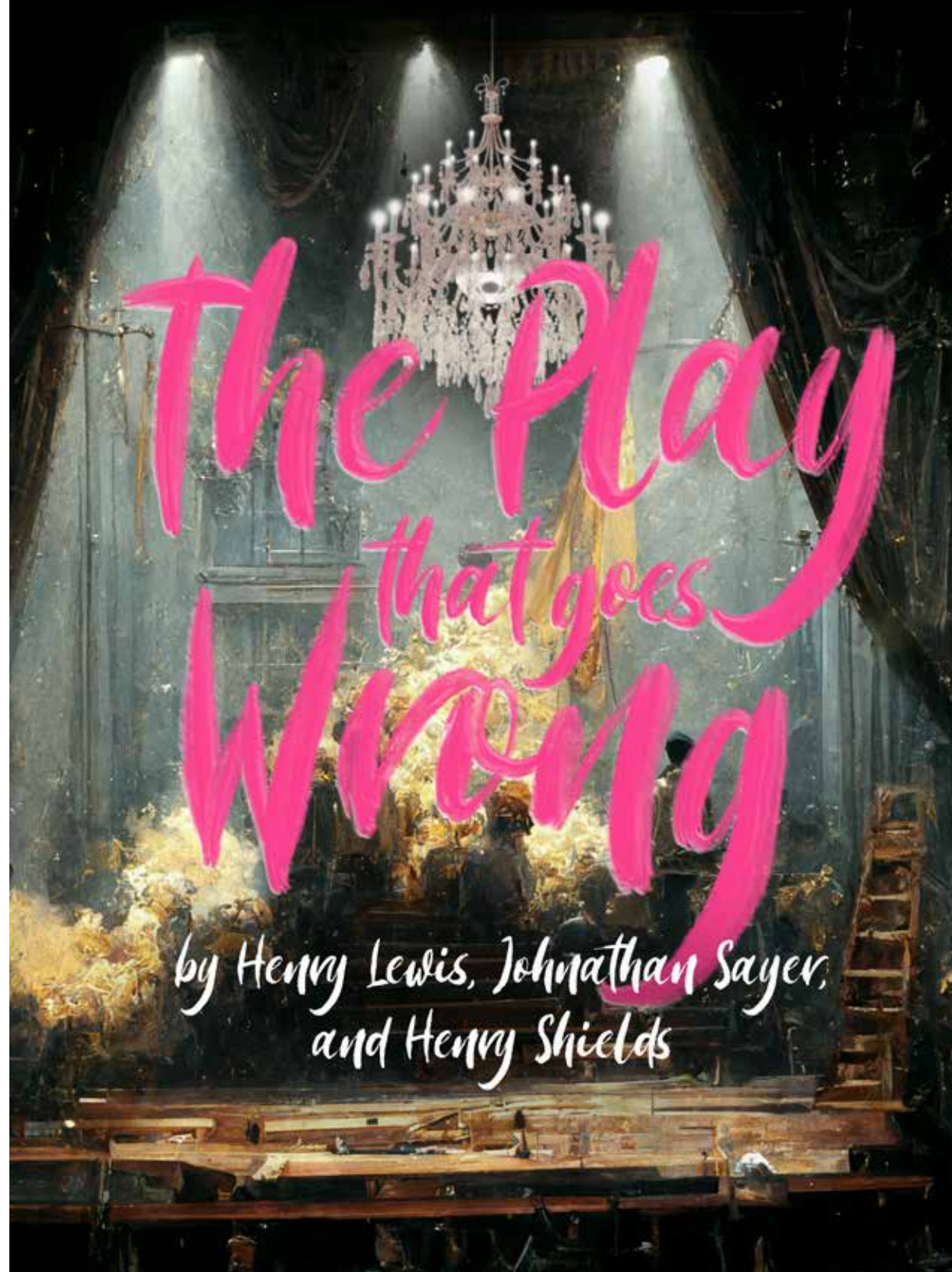
**AUGUST 9 – SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

One of the most successful farces in the 21st century, THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG follows an amateur theatre group: The Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society. They get their first big break performing the classic play THE MURDER AT HAVERSHAM MANOR by legendary playwright Susie H.K. Bridgewell. However, the longer the play goes on, the more and more things go completely and utterly wrong. Created by the celebrated Mischief Theatre Company, THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG is a modern classic that will have audiences rolling with laughter.



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## SEPTEMBER 27 – NOVEMBER 5, 2023

A local neighborhood bridge beloved by her mother is where Fay finds comfort after her recent loss. She sparks an unlikely friendship with a stranger who is on the bridge for other reasons and they both find some healing as they process recent events together. JUMP is a heartfelt new play that explores the grief of loss and celebrates the beauty in connection.



# JUMP

by Charly Evon Simpson

*There's always hope...but only if you take a leap of faith.*

## NOVEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 24, 2023

They're running low on food, the toilet's busted, and the jukebox is on the fritz. But come hell or high snowfall, a small band of co-workers and malcontents are determined to make this Christmas at The Wet Whistle (a backwater Montana bar) nothing like the last. Will everything work out? Will everything fall apart? Only determination and karaoke can save this holiday party!



A B STREET ORIGINAL HOLIDAY COMEDY

# SNOW FEVER

## A KARAOKE CHRISTMAS

*by Robert Caisley*

*The holidays will be fun as long as  
we have each other...and karaoke*



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(Left to Right) Stephanie Altholz, Meher Mistry, Peter Story and James Ellison (*'Tis The Season: A Celebration of Holiday Stories*, written and developed by the B Street Company)



## **ABOUT B STREET THEATRE'S 2023 FAMILY SERIES**

The B Street Theatre's Family Series is Northern California's only fully professional, resident theatre for children. This beloved and highly acclaimed series brings the joy of live theatre to children through exciting original plays and lively adaptations of classic novels, stories and tales. Since its premiere season in 2003, the Family Series has presented over 50 professional plays for approximately over 800,000 children and families in the Sacramento region.



DECEMBER 3 – 24, 2022

'TIS THE SEASON is a charming and hilarious collection of stories about the holidays. In the spirit of the long-running B Street School Tour, 'TIS THE SEASON captures the excitement of what it's like to be a kid during the holidays. Whether it's the true story of how elves became Santa's helpers, an adventure solving a holiday-style Sherlock Holmes mystery, an exploration of the different winter traditions celebrated around the world, or the discovery of New Years fireworks, 'TIS THE SEASON is a wonderful celebration of holiday magic!



# 'TIS THE SEASON

*A Celebration of Holiday Stories*

WRITTEN AND DEVELOPED  
BY THE B STREET COMPANY



FEBRUARY 11 – MARCH 4, 2023

THE FLYING MACHINE follows the Wright Brothers as they battle fate, physics, and foul weather to become the first to achieve motorized human flight. Since childhood, Orville and Wilbur Wright have been fascinated with the idea of human flight. The varied, ill-fated attempts of certain brave souls throughout history inspires these two bicycle mechanics from Dayton, OH, to take up the challenge of flight for themselves.



# THE FLYING MACHINE

THE STORY OF THE WRIGHT BROTHERS  
BY JERRY MONTOYA





**APRIL 15 – MAY 6, 2023**

Christopher Robin has just moved into a new neighborhood and he isn't happy. Despite kids constantly knocking on his door and asking him to play, Christopher Robin would much prefer to stay inside and play with his favorite stuffed animals. To bring him out of his shell, his father tells him wondrous tales of his beloved toys and their many adventures. Adapted from A.A. Milne's original story, WINNIE-THE-POOH brings your favorite characters to the stage and shows audiences of all ages the importance of friendship.



# WINNIE- THE- POOH

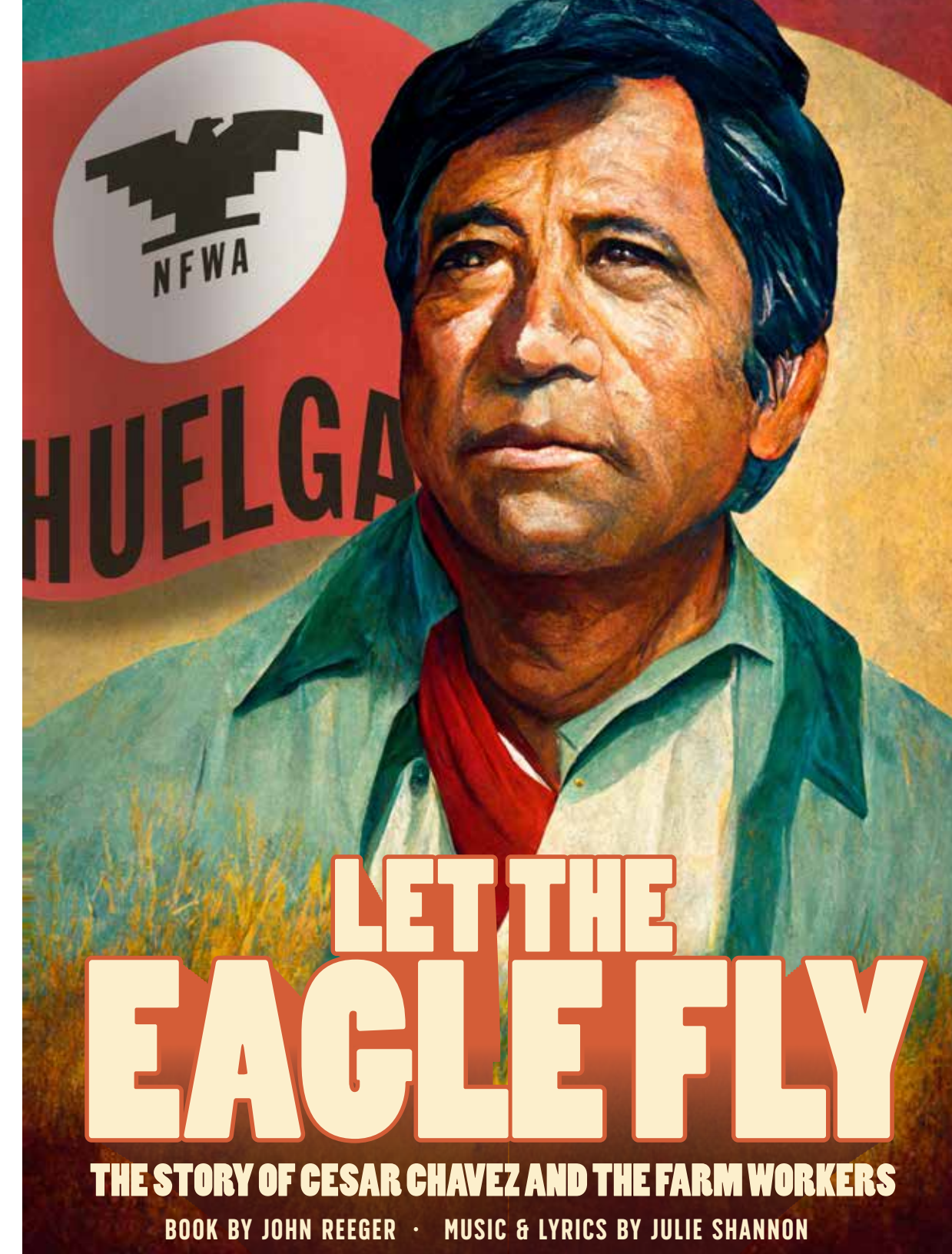
*BY* A.A. MILNE

*ADAPTED BY* SEAN PATRICK NILL



**OCTOBER 7–28, 2023**

Civil rights leader Cesar Chavez works hard to claw his way out of poverty and then returns with the goal of improving the lives of his fellow Chicanos as well as the Filipino, Indian and immigrant farmworker community. LET THE EAGLE FLY is a harrowing look at the legacy of Cesar Chavez and the courage it takes to make other people's lives better.



## LET THE EAGLE FLY

**THE STORY OF CESAR CHAVEZ AND THE FARM WORKERS**

BOOK BY JOHN REEGER • MUSIC & LYRICS BY JULIE SHANNON



**DECEMBER 2 – 23, 2023**

B Street Theatre is back with 'TIS THE SEASON, this time focusing on kids from around the world and the different holiday traditions in which they take part. Based on the very first B Street Theatre holiday comedy, join the fun and learn all about how different people enjoy the holidays in different parts of the world!



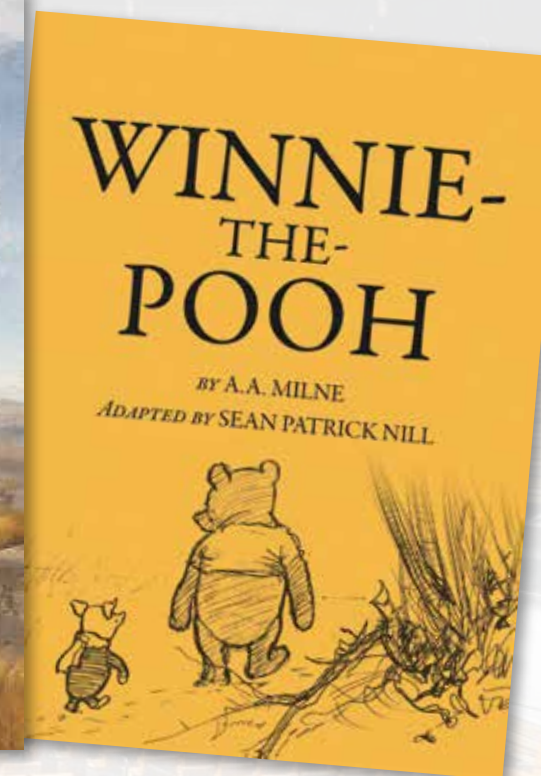
# 'TIS THE SEASON AROUND THE WORLD

**BY THE B STREET THEATRE**

THE HOLIDAYS ARE MEANT FOR EVERY KID,  
NO MATTER WHERE IN THE WORLD THEY ARE.



**BECOME A FAMILY SERIES SUBSCRIBER!**



**FUN FOR  
THE WHOLE  
FAMILY!**

**SAVE MONEY AND SUBSCRIBE TODAY FOR THE NEXT  
THREE SHOWS OF THE FAMILY SERIES!**





(Left to Right) Anthony Person, Stephanie Altholz, and Rob Karma Robinson

(A Year with Frog & Toad, Book & Lyrics by Willie Reale and Music by Robert Reale)

## Attention Teachers: BOOK YOUR FIELD TRIPS TODAY!

In a recent study, it was proven that children who go on field trips score higher on end-of-grade exams, receive higher course grades, are absent less often, and have fewer behavioral infractions.

All field trips take place during the Family Series run between Tuesday - Friday at either 9:30am or 11:30am (with select Mondays available!)

Contact Tara Sissom Pittaro at [studentmatinees@bstreettheatre.org](mailto:studentmatinees@bstreettheatre.org) for pricing and availability.

### THINGS TO KNOW

- Prior to the field trip, educators receive discussion topics related to the show as well as tips on good audience etiquette.
- After the show, educators receive a study guide with in-class activities and questions related to the themes of the show.
- At the end of the show, the actors stay onstage to answer students' questions.
- Discounted tickets are available for Title One Schools. B Street believes all students should experience live theatre. Please contact us for assistance with pricing, transportation, or other barriers your school might experience.

**"THANK YOU FOR DELIVERING SUCH AN AMAZING PERFORMANCE!!!"**

– TEACHER AT LANGUAGE ACADEMY OF SACRAMENTO

**"I GIVE IT 11 OUT OF 10 STARS!"**

– 1ST GRADER FROM LANGUAGE ACADEMY OF SACRAMENTO

**"IT IS THE BEST SHOW WE HAVE EVER SEEN ON A FIELD TRIP. IT WAS AMAZING AND WELL ENJOYED BY CHAPERONES AND STUDENTS. I EVEN HAD A FEW PARENTS WHO WANT TO BRING THEIR OTHER CHILDREN TO SEE IT. ANYWAYS, STELLAR PRODUCTION, SCRIPTS, AND ACTORS!"**

– TEACHER FROM ST. ALBANS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

(Left to Right) Brittini Barger and Elisabeth Nunziato

(Ride Sally Ride by Tara Sissom Pittaro and Katerina Pruitt)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT STUDENT MATINEES

### Q. How much do tickets cost?

Field trip tickets are \$15 for students and chaperones.

Teachers are free!

### Q. What times are field trip performances?

We offer both early and late morning performances that are usually at 9:30am or 11:30am (times are flexible depending on the play and the needs of your group).

### Q. What days are field trip performances?

Tuesday–Friday with select Mondays available.

### Q. How long are the performances?

Each play is approximately an hour and a half, including a 10-minute intermission. An educational talk-back with the actors will occur immediately following the performance.

### Q. Where are you located?

2700 Capitol Avenue Sacramento CA 95816 (Cross-street: 27th Street)

### Q. What about parking?

Buses will be able to drop off and pick up students in front of The Sofia. For those coming by car, there is a parking garage next to the theatre and some street parking. Light Rail is 6 blocks away.

### Q. Are there still dates available?

Yes. Book early to reserve the date and time you prefer. We can also pencil in your date of choice while you and your school finalize the details.

For booking information, please email Tara Sissom Pittaro at:

**[studentmatinees@bstreettheatre.org](mailto:studentmatinees@bstreettheatre.org)** or call **916-442-5635 ext. 114**

**FREE STUDY GUIDE** to help your students meet Common Core State Standards available for every show!



# STUDIO FOR YOUNG ACTORS

## INTIMATE UPSTAIRS SPACE FOR COMEDY, MUSIC AND MORE!

Our Studio for Young Actors offers students a fun, exciting, and creative environment with professional instructors in the fields of theatre, improvisation, and acting. Each program is led by a team of B Street Acting Company Members & teaching artists. Young performers learn the fundamental tools needed to develop their physical, vocal, and emotional range in a way that is both fun and playful. Concepts are presented through a series of acting exercises, theatre games, improvisation, rehearsal process, and performance.



### Juniors (6-8yrs)

**Performance with Greg Alexander: 9-10:30am**

*In this fast-paced and engaging class, Junior actors learn simple theatre games and exercises. We'll also do some singing, dancing, and arts & crafts!*

### Youth (9-12yrs)

**Acting & Theatre Games with Greg Alexander & guest artists: 11-12:30pm**

*Young performers study acting, voice, and character development, with lots of fun theatre games thrown into the mix!*

### Teens (13-17yrs)

**Acting & Theatre Games with Greg Alexander & guest artists: 1-2:30pm**

*Teen actors hone their performance and character development skills, while learning the basics of how to confidently present scene.*

### Winter 2023

- Saturdays Jan 21-Mar 11

### Spring 2023

- Saturdays April 1-May 20

### Summer Camps 2023

Youth #1: June 19-July 1

- 9:00am-2:00pm
- Week 1: Mon-Fri
- Week 2: Mon-Sat

Youth #2: July 3-15

- 9:00am-2:00pm
- Week 1: Mon-Fri
- Week 2: Mon-Sat

Juniors #1: July 17-22

- 9:00am-2:00pm
- Mon-Sat

Juniors #2: July 24-29

- 9:00am-2:00pm
- Mon-Sat

Teens: July 31-Aug 12

- 10:00am-3:00pm
- Week 1: Mon-Fri
- Week 2: Mon-Sat

### Fall 2023

- Saturdays Sept 16-Nov 4



Scan for more info



# LIVE CONCERTS AT THE SOFIA

The Sofia is honored to present top-tier, professional musical artists from around the world to celebrate the diversity of musical genres, and share talent with our audiences they may otherwise not get to experience. Celtic music is a particular favorite with audiences at The Sofia, which is why we are pleased to present such distinguished Celtic acts as An Irish Xmas in America, We Banjo 3, Jim and Susie Malcolm, Talisk, Kevin Burke and more!

PURCHASE A  
SOFIA PACKAGE AND  
GET 20% OFF ALL  
TICKETS!

Find more info at:  
[bstreettheatre.org/box-office/ticket-packages/](http://bstreettheatre.org/box-office/ticket-packages/)

Check out our website for all upcoming musical events!

*We Banjo 3, Photo by Seth Lockard*



## 2023 SCHEDULE

Jan 6 - John McCutcheon

Jan 20 - Karlee Hormell

Jan 20 - LEGENDS: Keola Beamer and Henry Kapono

Jan 27 - We Banjo 3

Feb 10 - David Wilcox

Feb 16 - Ottmar Leibert and Luna Negra

Feb 25 - Kevin Burke

Mar 2 - Jim and Susie Malcolm

Mar 11 - Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas

Mar 17 - Adrian Bellue

Mar 18 & 19 - Sacramento Master Singers: Songs in the Key of Life

AND SO MUCH MORE!

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# UPSTAIRS AT THE B!

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TICKETS START AT \$12.  
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MEMBERS CAN SEE ALL  
SHOWS FOR FREE!

JOIN US IN OUR INTIMATE UPSTAIRS SPACE FOR  
COMEDY, MUSIC AND MORE!

## Monthly events in Upstairs at The B

### *Maximum Occupancy*

B Street Acting Company Members Stephanie Altholz, Dave Pierini, Tara Sissom Pittaro and guests perform classic long-form improvisation for the late-night audience. Based off an audience suggestion, performers will create a one-night-only improvised play, so every performance will be unique! As an exciting caveat, if we do achieve “maximum occupancy” (aka, a sold-out show), we buy everyone pizza!

### *Seekers of The Strange*

Seekers of the Strange is a fictional, paranormal investigation team that embarks on a perilous and sanity-sapping foray into the unknown each month. Based on the model of tabletop role-playing games like Dungeons and Dragons, B Street Acting Company Member John Lamb and other familiar faces bring live role playing to the stage. Part game, part improvisational storytelling, and all strange, the Seekers invite the audience to help them navigate a supernatural mystery.

### *New Play Brunch*

Join us for waffles, mimosas and a play reading. Featuring a new play each month, plus monthly cabarets, intimate concerts, and more!

## Annual event:

### *The New Comedies Festival — Summer, 2023*

B Street Theatre presents staged readings of four new plays!

Audiences will vote on their favorite play and the winner will have a spot in the 2024 Mainstage season! Moved to the Mike & Bobbie Voris Mainstage!

# B<sup>ST.</sup> NEW COMEDIES FESTIVAL August 17-20, 2023

Sponsored by Kenneth and Kristi Pawlowski  
in the Mike & Bobbie Voris Mainstage Theatre

For this fourth annual festival, we ask up-and-coming playwrights from across the country to submit their best brand new, unproduced comedies. The ultimate prize? At least one of these new comedies will be chosen to receive a full B Street Theatre Mainstage production for the 2024 Season!

Want to help us choose this year’s winner? Attend a reading of all four plays and you can vote for your favorites to help the B Street Artistic Staff decide who will get that coveted 2024 Mainstage Season slot.

In the 2023 season, the 2022 New Comedies Festival winner *Insertion* will receive a Mainstage production! Additionally, 2022 finalists *Rescue Me* by Peter Story & Tara Sissom Pittaro and *Cosmo St. Charles is Dead* and *Someone in this Room Killed Him* by Nicole Zimmerer will receive 2024 productions.



John Lamb and Tara Sissom Pittaro (2019 NCF Winner – *Proclivity for Kiting* by Jacob T. Zack)



Dana Brooke and Peter Story (2018 NCF Winner – *The Forever Question* by Jim Christy Jr.)



SEE MORE, SAVE MORE!

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### Monthly membership!

For \$20.00 a month, you will have access to any B Street presented show. You can even see the same show twice! No major commitment. Cancel at any time.

### What's the difference between a Subscription and Membership?

Subscribers have guaranteed and priority seats to each Mainstage production. Members have access to showtimes based on availability.

A membership covers all B Street presented shows, not just the Mainstage Series.

### Always receive 20% off your tickets!

Think of the Sofia Savings Account as a gift card. Load your account with increments of \$100 and use your account to see any show at The Sofia! Minimum purchase of \$100. Maximum purchase of \$500.

### How does The Sofia Savings Account work?

You pre-load your account with funds to be used to any show at The Sofia. When booking shows with your pre-paid account, you will always receive 20% off the ticket price! Add more money at any time to your account.

GIFT

**Please contact our box office to purchase a gift certificate for any amount.**

# RENT THE SOFIA

The Sofia is a state-of-the-art entertainment venue that offers comfortable seating and an inviting setting in our 385-seat Sutter Theatre, an intimate 85-seat Cabaret space, as well as so much more.

Excellent acoustics and sight lines, high production values, excellent amenities, helpful staff and affordable rental rates make the theatre an ideal venue for live performances and large assemblies.

The theatre is ideally suited to accommodate dance, ballet, live music, plays, comedy, meetings, lectures...virtually any popular entertainment event. It has showcased the performances of world-renowned talents, as well as local community groups, bands, dance companies, choral groups, graduations and so much more.

Parking is easily accessible in the adjacent parking structure.

To schedule a tour or for more information, please contact:

**Rentals@BStreetTheatre.org**





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## SUPPORT US

We are so thrilled to welcome families, educators and students back to The Sofia for the first time in almost THREE YEARS! Our Family Series and Student Matinees bring the power of live, professional theatre to children of all ages. But we still need your help!

Take a peek at our Amazon Wishlist - we would love your help purchasing supplies like paper, printer ink, face masks and more! Even one box of paper helps us to print scripts for our children's programming!

Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated. We're overwhelmed with your generosity!

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