

PlayGround 2017/2018

PlayGround's 24th Season

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**PlayGround Puts Its Unique Spin on Holiday Performance!
78 Playwrights in Four-and-a-Half Days Write Original
Plays Inspired by The Topic "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" for
PlayGround's Monday Night PlayGround HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

**42 Playwrights in San Francisco Go for the Gold to
Become One of the Top Six Scripts Performed in Monday Night PlayGround
December 18, 8 PM at Berkeley Repertory Theatre
2025 Addison St Berkeley, CA**

**36 Playwrights in Los Angeles Match Wits to Have Their
Plays Performed in Monday Night PlayGround's
Six 10-Minute Plays Inspired by "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"
December 11, 8 PM at The Zephyr Theatre
7456 Melrose Ave, Los Angeles, CA**

"Bah," said Scrooge, "Humbug." – Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. PlayGround puts its own spin on the holidays with its annual Monday Night PlayGround "Holiday Celebration" as PlayGround's 78 writers in the Bay Area and Los Angeles write their own original short plays inspired by this year's topic, *"Home for the Holidays."* The top six Los Angeles scripts will be presented on Monday, December 11, 8PM at The Zephyr Theatre and the top six Bay Area scripts will be presented on Monday, December 18, 8PM at Berkeley Repertory Theatre. Each event will also include a holiday cookie bake-off, with proceeds supporting PlayGround's new play incubator programs. General admission tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For tickets or more information, visit <http://playground-sf.org/monday>.

Recent topics have included: "In the Beginning" and "Reap What You Sow." The top six plays from each month are rehearsed for just one-and-a-half hours each and presented as script-in-hand staged readings at Monday Night PlayGround, now celebrating its twenty-fourth year. PlayGround audiences get to enjoy a unique behind-the-scenes perspective, with a free Pre-Performance Discussion at 7:10pm. Audience members can also experience the thrill of being a producer through the monthly **People's Choice Awards**, helping to determine which plays and playwrights go on for consideration in PlayGround's annual showcase, the Best of PlayGround.

PlayGround, the Bay Area's leading playwright incubator, provides unique development opportunities for the Bay Area's best new playwrights, including the monthly Monday Night PlayGround staged reading series, annual PlayGround Festival of New Works, full-length play commissions and support for the production of new plays by local playwrights through the New Play Production Fund. To date, PlayGround has supported over 200 local playwrights in the development and staging of more than 850 original short plays and 75 new full-length plays, with 6 more commissions currently in development. PlayGround also operates Potrero Stage (formerly Thick House), a state-of-the-art 99-seat black box theatre in San Francisco's Potrero Hill neighborhood, home to some of the Bay Area's leading new play developers and producers, including PlayGround, Crowded Fire, Golden Thread, and Playwrights Foundation. For more information, visit <http://playground-sf.org>.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

Monthly, October-March, the popular Monday Night PlayGround series presents staged readings of thematically-connected short works by California's best new playwrights each month, at Berkeley Repertory Theatre and L.A.'s Zephyr Theatre, staged by leading local professional actors and directors. The given topic for the December 11 & 18 PlayGround "Holiday Celebration" is "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS".

WHERE: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St, Berkeley, CA

WHEN: Monday, December 18, 2017 at 8pm
Additional Season Dates:
January 15, 2018 at 8pm (Planet Earth Arts New Play Festival)
February 19, 2018 at 8pm
March 19, 2018

TICKETS: Tickets are \$15 general admission (\$30, priority seating) online in advance and \$20 general admission at the door, subject to availability. 4-admission Flex Passes are just \$60 and include priority seating. For more information about the Monday Night PlayGround series, call **(415) 992-6677** or visit www.PlayGround-sf.org/monday.

Los Angeles links:

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WHERE: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
The Zephyr Theatre, 7456 Melrose Ave, Los Angeles, CA

WHEN: Monday, December 11, 2017 at 8pm
Additional Season Dates:
January 8, 2018 at 8pm (Planet Earth Arts New Play Festival)
February 12, 2018 at 8pm
March 12, 2018 (Musical Theatre Night)

TICKETS: Tickets are \$15 general admission (\$30, priority seating) online in advance and \$20 general admission at the door, subject to availability. 4-admission flex passes are just \$60 and include priority seating. For more information about the Monday Night PlayGround series, call **(323) 992-6766** or visit www.PlayGround-la.org/monday.