

## MEDIA RELEASE



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***NUTS* revived by LEFT EDGE THEATRE at the LUTHER BURBANK CENTER for the ARTS**

### **SHOW 1 of the 2019-2020 SEASON**

***NUTS***, A courtroom drama by Tom Topor

September 6-29, 2019

Directed by Joe Winkler

#### **THE STORY:**

Set in a courtroom in New York's Bellevue Hospital, the story follows a high-priced call girl incarcerated on a charge for killing a violent "John." A court appointed psychiatrist and an aggressive prosecutor, say she is unfit to stand trial. As testimony from experts, physicians and family unfolds, she attempts to prove to the judge that she isn't "nuts" and to stand trial for manslaughter. A Broadway hit, *Nuts* has been called the best courtroom drama since *Witness for the Prosecution*.

**CAST INCLUDES:** Cindy Brillhart-True, Dodds Delzell\*, Peter Downey, Heather Gordon\*, Chris Schloemp, Bonnie Jean Shelton, Dwayne Stincelli, Scott Wagman, and David Yen

\* *Member of Actors' Equity Association*

**SHOW DATES AND TIMES:** September 6, 7 at 8pm, September 8 at 2pm, September 12, 13, 14 at 8pm, September 15 at 2pm, September 19, 20, 21 at 8pm, September 22 at 2pm, September 26, 27, 28 at 8pm, September 29 at 2pm.

**SINGLE TICKETS:** \$42 Premium Reserved Seats, \$28 General Admission, \$15 for Thursday performances only. For tickets call the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts 707-546-3600 or visit <https://www.leftedgetheatre.com/>.

**SEE "WHY REVIVE *NUTS*" below:** For important historical context

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## **WHY REVIVE NUTS?**

In 1983 the Sonoma County theatre scene consisted of mainly musicals and the occasional classic. A small group of local theatre artists banded together to try something new. They wanted to stage a contemporary play which had not been produced in the area before. They rented an empty storefront in the brickyard center in downtown Santa Rosa and converted the space into a make-shift theatre to put on the play **NUTS** by Tom Topor. They figured if only 40 people came per night they would break even. The response was incredible. Every performance was sold out with lines around the corner. They even had to borrow more chairs from a nearby restaurant. It seems Santa Rosa was hungry for bold contemporary new works. That is how Actors Theatre of Sonoma County was born. With this revival of **NUTS** we are proud to pay tribute to Actors Theatre's bravery in pioneering the contemporary play movement in Sonoma County. A tradition that Left Edge Theatre is proud to keep alive today.

## **ABOUT LEFT EDGE THEATRE**

We are a Resident Theatre Company of the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts.

We endeavor to thrill, challenge, and engage audiences with ideas that make us think more, laugh more, and feel more. With the highest artistic standards and the region's most talented theatre artists, we produce a professional season of ambitious performances in search of what is best in ourselves and in the human spirit.

We select shows written within the past 6 years and never presented in Sonoma County before. They may have had successful runs in New York, Chicago, London or other major cities. Our audience is hungry for new, edgy, provocative and left-leaning works.

## **ABOUT THE STUDIO THEATRE**

The 2,500 square foot Studio Theatre is located at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts and can be accessed from the South Parking Lot. It contains its own box office, lobby, tech booth, intimate 70 seat theatre, dressing rooms, scene and costume shop and classroom space. The new STUDIO THEATRE is the artistic home of Young Actors STUDIO and Left Edge THEATRE. Young Actors Studio provides training and performance opportunities to young people aged 6-18.

For more information, visit [www.leftedgetheatre.com](http://www.leftedgetheatre.com), or contact Argo Thompson, Artistic Director at 707-536-1620 or [info@leftedgetheatre.com](mailto:info@leftedgetheatre.com).

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