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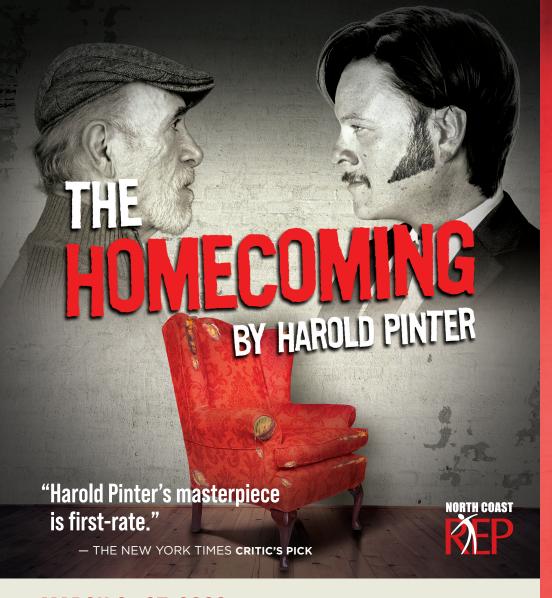
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Often regarded as Nobel Laureate Harold Pinter's most **enduring** play, this **masterwork** of family warfare is set in an all-male household that relies on **fantasy** and **one-upmanship** for its very existence. This toxic, but familiar pattern is disrupted when a long-absent son returns with his new wife. Her presence ignites an explosive situation, one that is vicious, funny, and unsettling. Although written more than 50 years ago, THE HOMECOMING explores issues about **power**, **sexuality**, and **self-identity** that are still debated today. **Tony Award winner for Best Play**. Suitable for mature audiences only.

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Welcome!

Welcome to North Coast Repertory Theatre!

On behalf of our Board of Directors, Staff, and Artistic team, we are so happy that you have joined us today.

I can't think of a better way to kick off 2022 than with the West Coast premiere of the New York hit musical, *DESPERATE MEASURES*. Take Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*, set it in the Wild West, write some hilarious songs and dialogue and you have the makings of a fun-filled great time at the theatre.

Live theatre requires our being together in person. There just is no substitute for the experience of theatrical storytelling happening in the moment with everyone in the same room. As much as we may try, electronic, cinematic or digital formats cannot recreate the communal experience we enjoy when things are happening right now in our presence. Though we must adjust to the current circumstances in our world, we believe the experience is well worth the minor inconveniences we have to deal with to bring it to life. We are grateful that you do too, and that you are with us for this production.

At North Coast Rep we believe in the power of theatre to have a positive impact on our community and the world. We have been at it for 40 years. We pledge to continue to use every talent and resource available to us to create productions that will enhance the lives of our loyal patrons.

I sincerely hope you have a joyous time today. If you have a good time, please share the news with your friends.

Long live LIVE Theatre!

Warmest regards,

David Ellenstein

DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Shakespeare will always be my first and ultimate love of the theatre. His lyrical structure mixed with his revelations of the human condition are unparalleled. We've seen his plays adapted, stretched, bent, reformed, deconstructed, and manipulated into many forms. And here, similar to *Kiss Me Kate* or *West Side Story*, we have a musical adaptation of one of his plays.

When Desperate Measures first came across my desk, I was immediately intrigued. Who would think to adapt Measure For Measure into a musical set in Wild West Arizona? They're either crazy or brilliant! Thankfully, the latter was true. The creators, Peter Kellogg and David Friedman, meticulously crafted this show entirely in clever, rhyming couplets and hilarious, catchy music with a western saloon flair. I laughed out loud in amazement while reading the script and listening to the music. I thought: "Now, this is a show for North Coast Rep!"

So here we are! You are the first audiences on the West Coast to witness the hijinks of *Desperate Measures* with an amazing cast, group of musicians, designers, and technicians. We are excited to extend our NCRT family by bringing new faces and talented voices to our stage. It has been an absolute pleasure working with each and every one of these gifted professionals. And I am ever grateful to our Music Director, Craig Bohmler, and our Choreographer, Jill Gorrie Rovasto, for their expertise and collaboration on this crazy western romp. *Desperate Measures* extracts the essential components of Shakespeare's story, throws them in a blender with bright music and sweet rhymes, and whips it on high speed until it's frothy and delicious! Cheers!

C. Williams

I dedicate this show to the genius who opened my mind to how creative and impactful musical theatre can be. His magic inspired my imagination, twisted my ear, and wrenched open my heart. To me, he is the Shakespeare of musical theatre.

Thank you, Mr. Sondheim.

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DESPERATE MEASURES

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MUSIC BY

Peter Kellogg

David Friedman

ORCHESTRATIONS BY **David Hancock Turner**VOCAL ARRANGEMENTS BY **David Friedman**DIRECTED BY **Christopher Williams**

CAST (in order of appearance)

Michael Louis Cusimano*
Rudy Martinez
Elijah Rock*
Jo Garcia-Reger
ER Rusty Ferracane*
Samantha Duval
MUSICIANS KEYBOARD Craig Bohmler GUITAR, BANJO, MANDOLIN Nikko Nobleza BASS Scott Harvester VIOLIN/MANDOLIN Dan Sankey

Time: Late 1800s Place: Somewhere out west

There will be a 15 minute intermission

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Originally Presented in the New York Musical Theater Festival, Isaac Robert Hurwitz, Executive Director and Producer Presented by special arrangement with Stage Rights (www.stagerights.com)







ACT I

Johnny Blood	All
That's Just How It Is	Sheriff
Someday They Will Thank Me	Governor
Look In Your Heart	Susanna & Governor
It's Good To Be Alive	Johnny
It Doesn't Hurt To Try	Quartet
It's Getting Hot in Here	Bella
The Way That You Feel	Trio
Stop There	Sheriff
In the Dark	All

ACT 2

What a Night	Governor
About Last Night	Susanna & Governor
Just for You	Bella & Johnny
What Is This Feeling	Susanna
Life Takes You by Surprise	All
Good To Be Alive (Reprise)	Johnny
It's a Beautiful Day	Bella & Susanna
Finale	All
Bows	Instrumental



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PETER KELLOGG (Books & Lyrics) has two Tony nominations for book and lyrics to a musical for *Anna Karenina* (composer Dan Levine), which toured in Japan and was broadcast on Japanese Public TV in 2006. With David Friedman, he created *Desperate Measures*, which won 2018 Drama Desk Awards for Best Music and Best Lyrics, as well as The Outer Critics Circle and Off-Broadway Alliance Awards for Best Musical. CD available on Amazon. Also with David: *Chasing Nicolette* (based on the French romance, *Aucassin and Nicolette*), produced at Westport Playhouse, the Prince in

Philadelphia, and Village Theatre in Seattle; and *Stunt Girl*, based on the life of Nellie Bly, New York City's first female reporter, which premiered at Village Theatre. With composer Steve Weiner, he has written a 10-person musical based on the Sheridan play *The Rivals*, which premiered at Bristol Riverside Theatre last fall.

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DAVID FRIEDMAN (Composer) in addition to *Desperate Measures* (2018 Drama Desk Best Music Award), David Friedman has written four other musicals with Peter Kellogg: *Nicolette & Aucassin, Nellie Bly, Money Talks*, and *Lincoln in Love*; *King Island Christmas* (with Deborah Brevoort — 50+ productions worldwide); *Koga* (with Philip Kholos) a web series for children about using martial arts and kindness to solve everyday problems, and is currently collaborating with Elizabeth Dewberry on a musical about Temple Grandin. David has written songs for everyone

from Disney to Diana Ross, produced all the late/great Nancy LaMott's CDs and wrote many of her best-known songs, conducted and vocal arranged six musicals on Broadway and numerous Disney Animated Films ("Beauty & The Beast," "Aladdin," "Pocahontas," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame") wrote songs for "The Lizzie McGuire Movie," "Aladdin and the King of Thieves," "Bambi II," and "Trick," scored three television series, performed his revue Listen To My Heart – The Songs of David Friedman Off-Broadway, all over America, and abroad, and co-wrote 100 songs (with Kathie Lee Gifford) for the Today Show's 'Everyone Has a Story' Segment. David is a best-selling metaphysics author with five books including "The Thought Exchange," and "We Can Be Kind — Healing Our World One Kindness at a Time," based on his song of the same name. For more information, go to www.MIDDERMusic.com.

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CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS (Director) is the Associate Artistic Director and Casting Director at NCRT. Directing credits include: Visiting Mr. Green, Last of the Red Hot Lovers, Gabriel (NCRT); Beau Jest, Leading Ladies (Moonlight Stages); Halpern and Johnson (AZ Jewish Theatre); Julius Caesar (New Village Arts); Romeo & Juliet (Southwest Shakespeare Co); Jacob Marley's A Christmas Carol, The Elephant Man, Biloxi Blues, Light Falling Down, Proof (Oceanside Theatre); I Hate Hamlet (Intrepid Theatre). Christopher produced the WWII feature film "Walking With the Enemy" starring Ben

Kingsley and Jonas Armstrong.

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MICHAEL LOUIS CUSIMANO* (Johnny Blood) is thrilled to make his North Coast Rep debut! Select SoCal credits: The Last Five Years, The Rocky Horror Show, On The 20th Century at Cygnet Theatre; Once, Big Fish, American Rhythm, A Christmas Carol at Lamb's Players; The Tale of Despereaux at the Old Globe; Girlfriend, Homos or Everyone in America, This Beautiful City at Diversionary, The 39 Steps at Glendale Centre Theatre, Grease at Cabrillo Musical Theatre, Metamorphoses at Santa Barbara Ensemble. TV credits: "Devil in the Details" and "A Moment in Crime" on

ID. Michael is a 3-time SD Critics' Circle Award Nominee and won the SD Critics' Circle Craig Noel Award for "Actor of the Year" for his body of work in 2019. BFA graduate of Carnegie Mellon School of Drama.

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RUDY MARTINEZ (Father Morse/Big Swede) is making his North Coast Rep debut. He is a little bit of this and a whole lot of that...he mostly bakes and he sometimes acts. Previous roles include Quixote in *Man of La Mancha*, Sweeney Todd in *Sweeney Todd*, Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*, Che, Magaldi and Peron in *Evita*, Baker in *Into The Woods*, El Gallo in *The Fantasticks*, Gomez in *The Addams Family*, Kevin in *In The Heights* and Valentin in *Kiss of the Spider Woman*. He is a graduate of Manhattan School of Music Professional Musical

Theatre Program and spent two seasons performing at The Hollywood Bowl with The Mitch Hanlon Singers. Rudy is the creative behind Man Bakes Cake, has appeared on "Cake Wars," and was the winner of Food Network's "Halloween Baking Championship." IG:@manbakescake.

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PROFILES



ELIJAH ROCK* (Sheriff Martin Green) is thrilled to be making his debut at North Coast Repertory Theatre. Triple threat artist, Rock's award-winning stage performances include Winner of the NAACP Theater Award for Best Male Equity performer for his role as Roland Hayes in *Breath and Imagination* and Ovation Award Nominee for his role as the Cotton Club star Cab Calloway in the musical *I Only Have Eyes For You*. Other notable roles include Porgy in *Porgy and Bess* with the Ensemble Theatre and The Crooner in *Words by Ira Gershwin* with the Colony Theatre directed by

David Ellenstein. Rock also had TV appearances in Showtime's series "Masters of Sex." As of recently, Rock has released his sophomore American Songbook album, "Matters of The Heart" which is available now. Jazz critic, Scott Yanow said the following in his LA Jazz Scene review, "Rock's swinging style and large voice recall Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole of the 1950's without closely copying any of them." Proud member of AEA. www.elijahrock.com

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JO GARCIA-REGER (Susanna aka Sister Mary Jo) is so excited to be making her North Coast Rep Debut! Jo was one of the 2019/20 acting interns at the Tony Award-winning Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park and graduated from Indiana State University with a degree in Acting, Music & Dance. She was last seen as Rosalind in the Texas Shakespeare Festival's touring production of As You Like it and Maria in their touring production of Twelfth Night. Other regional musical credits include Marian in The Bridges of Madison County at the Texas Shakespeare Festival, Elizabeth

Benning in *Young Frankenstein* at Crossroads Repertory Theatre, Abilene in the *Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* at the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, and Jenny in *Company*, which toured various cities in Vietnam. She would like to thank her family, aka the Reger 4, for their endless love and support.

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RUSTY FERRACANE* (Governor Richterhenkenpflichtgetruber) is a professional actor, singer and director, appearing in productions for regional theatres across the country including the American premier of Craig Bohmler's musical *Enter the Guardsman*, Off-Broadway. Some of his favorite roles include Don Quixote in *Man of La Mancha*, Georges in *La Cage Aux Folles*, Harold Hill in *The Music Man*, Emile de Becque in *South Pacific* and Bruce Bechdel in *Fun Home*. He was the founder and producing artistic director of the award-winning theatre company, The Actors

Group. As a director, he has worked at many companies in Arizona, including Mesa Encore Theatre, Fountain Hills Theatre, Theater Works, Arizona Opera and ProMusica Arizona. He has taught musical theatre performance at Arizona School for the Arts, Phoenix



Theatre and The Taipei Performing Arts Center in Taiwan. Information on his two CDs and performance schedule are available on his website at www.RustyFerracane.com

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SAMANTHA DUVAL (Bella Rose) is making her North Coast Rep debut in Desperate Measures. National Tours: Cirque Musica, The Celtic Ladies. Off-Broadway: Days of Rage at Town Stages, Intersecting Chords at NYMF, Diva: A Night of Celine Dion, Green Room 42. Regional Theatre: Pattie in Smokey Joes Café at the REV theatre, Bunny in Accomplice at La Jolla Playhouse, Kinky Boots at Gateway Playhouse, Irene in Hello Dolly, California Theatre, Starred as Elsa in Frozen with Disney Cruise Line, World Premiere of Emergency the Musical, World Premiere Flesh and Spirit at NYC Works

Festival. Samantha has been seen recently performing her cabaret show on Cruise lines including Celebrity, Holland America and Silver Sea. Samantha is also a resident performer in Marty Thomas Presents *Diva* in NYC. Love and thanks to her amazing husband Justin, agents Danny and Meaghan and her family and friends. Happy to be back in her home state of California. @samduvalsings, www.samanthaduval.com

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CINDY RUMLEY* (Stage Manager) Credits include: Dancing Lessons, Another Roll of the Dice, All in the Timing, Holmes & Watson, A Funny Thing..., How The Other Half Loves, Last of the Red Hot Lovers, The Spitfire Grill, Laughter on the 23rd Floor, Ain't Misbehavin', Way Downriver; William Faulkner's 'Old Man', Chapatti, Side By Side By Sondheim, Freud's Last Session, Mandate Memories, Dames at Sea, Two By Pinter, and Visiting Mr. Green with North Coast Rep. Cindy holds an M.F.A in stage management from UC Irvine.

CRAIG BOHMLER (Musical Director/Keyboard) is a composer and musical director whose works have been performed in Europe, North America and Japan. Primarily a composer for the "singing theater" and the solo voice, Craig has 3 operas and 14 musicals to his credit as well as 200 art songs, and numerous choral and orchestral works. His musicals *Gunmetal Blues* (O'Neill Center -1991) and *Enter The Guardsman* (Olivier Award Nominee for "best musical") have both played in London and Off-Broadway as well as in many regional and international theatres. He was composer-in-residence for Arizona Opera from 2012-2017 where his western opera *Riders Of The Purple Sage* premiered in February 2017 and was subsequently broadcast internationally. He is musical director and arranger for the "3 Redneck Tenors" which has toured world-wide for over 16 years and was featured on "America's Got Talent." His new musical *A Beautiful Place* will be featured in Phoenix Theatre's new work's program in May 2022. He is published by Theatrical Rights Worldwide, Santa Barbara Music Publishing, Concord Theatricals, and Dramatic Publishing, as well as recorded by Columbus, Centaur, Original Cast, Naxos, and BMS records. More detailed information and recordings may be found at Craigbohmler.com

PROFILES

JILL GORRIE ROVATSOS (Choreographer): Hairspray (Craig Noel Award), Crazy For You, 42nd Street, Damn Yankees, A Christmas Story, Singin' in the Rain (San Diego Musical Theatre), Romance Romance, Tomfoolery, Man With A Load of Mischief, Humbug Holiday Spectacular (North Coast Rep), Pal Joey, A Little Night Music (SDSU), Joseph...Dreamcoat (CCAE Theatricals), The 25th Annual...Spelling Bee (Intrepid), Grease (European Tour), Mambo Italiano, Oklahoma!, Hello Dolly (Westchester Broadway Theatre, NY), Gary Goldfarb: Master Escapist (NYMF), The People Vs. Mona (Abington Theatre, NYC).B.F.A. NYU Tisch School of the Arts (Dance), M.F.A. SDSU (Musical Theatre) Educator: SDSU, NYU, City College, Mesa College, Grossmont College, AMDA, CAP21. Mom: Avery and Zachary

MUSICIANS

NIKKO NOBLEZA (Guitar, Banjo, and Mandolin) has been playing guitar for 18 years and plays a variety of styles. He has earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Jazz Studies from San Diego State University. Some of the theatres he has played for include North Coast Repertory Theatre (Spitfire Grill), The Old Globe, Cygnet Theatre, Moonlight Stage Productions, San Diego Musical Theatre, and San Diego Repertory Theatre. Nikko is also the in-house composer for two film production groups, Almost Good Films and Jabronie Pictures.

SCOTT HARVESTER (Bass) just finished playing the bass for *Always...Patsy Cline* at North Coast Rep. As an electric and upright bass player, he has experience playing a variety of musical styles but especially enjoys opportunities to play American roots music. When he is not sitting in on a production, he can be found playing bluegrass, country, and gospel music locally

DAN SANKEY (Violin/Mandolin) is very pleased to be back at NCRT. In addition to violin and mandolin, Dan is also an accomplished banjo and guitar player and has performed at numerous festivals, concerts, studio sessions, clubs, etc. His theatre credits include performances at the Old Globe Theatre, San Diego Rep., La Jolla Playhouse and various other regional theatres and productions. Dan is originally from Pennsylvania, and now makes his home in San Diego. Dan would like to thank the staff and NCRT, and also his lovely wife, Virginia, for her love and support and for allowing him to play his banjo around the house.

CREATIVE STAFF

MARTY BURNETT (Set Design) Resident Designer at North Coast Rep since 1992 and has designed more than 200 productions for the theater. Other design venues include Sahara and Hacienda hotels in Las Vegas, Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City and Drury Lane Chicago.

MATTHEW NOVOTNY (Light Design) is pleased to be designing another show for North Coast Rep, where he has designed close to forty shows over the past seven years. Matthew



is currently the Lighting Designer in Residence for San Diego Musical Theatre as well as North Coast Rep, and his work can be seen at a wide variety of theatres across San Diego. Matthew holds a B.A. in Technical Theatre from San Diego State and a master's degree in Lighting Design from Boston University. Matthew is married to his beautiful wife Amanda, with 5 AMAZING children: Ragan, Harper, Heston, Maddex and Harrison.

ELISA BENZONI+ (Costume Design) is thrilled to be working on her fourth season at North Coast Rep including numerous Craig Noel nominated productions. Elisa has also worked on over a hundred productions across Southern California with theatres such as The Old Globe, La Jolla Playhouse, Geffen Playhouse, South Coast Repertory Theatre, Laguna Playhouse, San Diego Repertory Theatre, Diversionary Theatre and New Village Arts. Being Italian born, Elisa has also had the opportunity to work and perfect her craft in Europe. Elisa holds a costume design M.F.A. from UCSD where she currently is an adjunct professor. www.elisabenzoni.com

AARON RUMLEY (Sound & Projection Design) has worked on over 120 shows at North Coast Rep, over 50 as a stage manager, over 20 as a designer.

JOSEPH BUTLER (Sound Mixer) is an audio engineer and musician, born and raised in San Diego, CA. Recent credits include: I Love You You're Perfect Now Change, Miss You Like Hell, Little Women, Wizard of Oz (Patio Playhouse), and Hunchback of Norte Dame (Living Light Theater). BA of Science in Audio Engineering from Arts Institute of California, San Diego.

PETER HERMAN (Hair & Wig Design) has previously designed wigs for over 30 North Coast Rep productions. Peter teaches wig and makeup design at San Diego State University. He is glad to be part of the creative team on this show.

PHILLIP KORTH (COVID-19 Compliance Officer/Props) is an actor, writer, craftsman, and educator. He earned BAs in Acting and Creative Writing from Western Michigan University and his MFA in Acting from the University of Connecticut. He is a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served two tours of duty in Iraq. In addition to designing and managing props for NCRT, Phillip is also the Education Associate at The Theatre School @ North Coast Rep.

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DAVID ELLENSTEIN

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Born into a theatrical family, David has worked in theatres across the country. Before joining North Coast Rep in 2003 he served as Artistic Director for the Los Angeles Repertory Company and the Arizona Jewish Theatre Company (AJTC). A veteran of over 250 theatrical productions, directorial favorites include:

North Coast Rep - Ben Butler, Dr. Glas, Becoming Dr. Ruth, Einstein Comes Through, Trying, An Iliad, A Christmas Carol, Same Time, Next Year, The Outsider, All in the Timing, Holmes & Watson, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, The Father, This Random World, Travels with My Aunt, The Illusion, Hedda Gabler (World Premiere Translation). Wav Downriver: William Faulkner's 'Old Man' (West Coast Premiere). Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Great Nome Gold Rush (World Premiere), Side By Side By Sondheim, Chapter Two, Freud's Last Session (San Diego Premiere). Faded Glory (World Premiere). Mandate Memories (World Premiere), Becoming Cuba (World Premiere), Time Stands Still, Words by: Ira Gershwin and the Great American Songbook (World Premiere), Two by Pinter: The Lover and The Dumb Waiter, HENRY IV Part 1, Heroes, My Name is Asher Lev, The Drawer Boy, Becky's New Car, Ghosts, The Tempest, Talley's Folly, Over the Tavern, Old Wicked Songs, The Dresser, Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris, Madagascar, A Shayna Maidel, The Honky-Tonk Angels, Rashomon, A Moon for the Misbegotten; Tuesdays With Morrie; Collected Stories; Halpern and Johnson; Romeo and Juliet; Amy's View; Einstein Comes Through (also co-author); The Chosen; A Life in the Theatre; Story Theatre and Charley's Aunt. Coconut **Grove Playhouse** - Sonia Flew starring Lucie Arnaz; Halpern and Johnson starring Hal Linden and Brian Murray. Papermill **Playhouse** - The Chosen starring Theodore Bikel and John Lloyd Young. 59E59 - His Royal Hipness Lord Buckley. Park Square & Colony Theatre – Words By. Portland Stage - Halpern and Johnson. Renaissance Theatre - Long Day's Journey Into Night. Actor's Theatre of Phoenix - Rabbit Hole. Alabama Shakespeare Festival - The Glass Menagerie, Rocket City (World Premiere) and Honky-Tonk Angels. Laguna Playhouse - Chapatti, Alexandros (World Premiere). Southwest Shakespeare Company - Cyrano de Bergerac. AJTC - Awake and Sing. Meadow Brook Theatre -A Christmas Carol. Portland Rep - Conversations With My Father and Gaslamp Quarter Theatre - A Shayna Maidel.

Winner of numerous theatre awards, including the San Diego Theatre Critics Circle Award for "2018 Director of the Year."

Favorite roles as an actor include Andrey Botvinnik in A Walk in the Woods, Max Prince in Laughter on the 23rd Floor, Matt in Talley's Folly at North Coast Rep, title roles in Hamlet at Los Angeles Theatre Center and Los Angeles Repertory Company; Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof at Moonlight Stage, Richard III at California Shakespeare Festival; Einstein in Picasso at the Lapin Agile at Laguna Playhouse; Calisto in The Illusion at the Arizona Theatre Company; Jonathan in Sight Unseen at North Coast Rep and Portland Repertory Theatre.

Film and television credits include over three dozen roles including "Star Trek IV," "The Practice," "Foul Play," "Christine Cromwell," "Renegade," "Eight is Enough" and "General Hospital." David has also been guest faculty for numerous universities including California State Northridge, Cal Arts, and Shakespeare workshops privately. David lives with his beautiful wife Denise and their amazing sons Jamie and Will.

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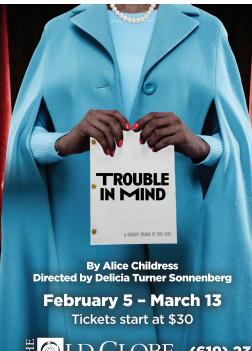
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