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BERKELEY REP INVITES THE LGBT COMMUNITY TO ENTER THE *BLUE DOOR*

WHO: Theatre-lovers in the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender community

WHAT: **night/OUT**, a performance of *Blue Door* followed by a post-show party

WHERE: **Berkeley Rep's Thrust Stage** / 2025 Addison St @ Shattuck / Downtown Berkeley

WHEN: **Thursday, April 12 @ 8:00 PM**

HOW MUCH: Free with a ticket to that night's performance (\$23.50 - \$47)

INFO & TIX: 510.647.2949 or berkeleyrep.org

MARCH 7, 2007 – On Thursday, April 12, Berkeley Repertory Theatre is opening the *Blue Door* for theatre lovers in the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender community. It's night/OUT – the third in a series of parties the Tony Award-winning theatre holds every season for LGBT theatregoers. The evening starts at 8:00 PM with a performance of a breathtaking new play directed by acclaimed actor **Delroy Lindo** – and the festivities continue late into the night.

Gay.com calls night/OUT “a disco party, complete with glitter ball, live DJ, cocktails, and dessert. Cast members hung out with fans, signed autographs, and talked about their plays... Berkeley Rep theatregoers cherish the opportunity to meet kindred spirits in a comfortable, friendly environment. Some meet new friends or find theatre mates for life, but many attend with longtime partners or go to catch up with old acquaintances. It's more of a ‘meet-cute’ than a meat market... Guests represent a wide social, economic, ethnic, and gender range from college students to retirees.”

Now in its sixth year, **night/OUT** mixes Tony Award-winning theatre with fabulous parties for the LGBT community – giving audience members the opportunity to mingle with the cast, catch up with friends, or meet someone new. The post-play party features dance music mixed by a cutting-edge DJ, gourmet hors d'oeuvres from **Liaison Bistro**, gorgeous blossoms from **Darling Flower Shop**, and complimentary drinks from **Triple Rock Brewery** and **Raymond Vineyard & Cellar**. Admission to night/OUT is free with a \$47 ticket to that evening's performance; half-price discounts are available for students, seniors, and those under 30 years of age.

Acclaimed actor Delroy Lindo turns his hand to directing with ***Blue Door***, a breathtaking new play from Tanya Barfield. When he refuses to attend the Million Man March, an African-American professor finds his personal and professional lives thrown into turmoil. Unable to sleep in the bed abandoned by his wife, Lewis is visited by his ancestors – men who fought to be free, to vote, to obtain justice. Two exceptional actors embody three generations in this powerful new play from a promising young writer. *Blue Door* is a searing examination of family and identity that will resonate with anyone who has ever struggled to live with – or escape – the past.

Blue Door begins previews on April 6, opens April 11, and runs through May 20. **For tickets** to night/OUT or another performance, visit the box office at 2025 Addison Street in downtown Berkeley or contact Berkeley Rep at 510.647.2949, 888.4BRTix (toll-free), or berkeleyrep.org.

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WHO: A play with original songs by Tanya Barfield
Directed by Delroy Lindo
Starring Teagle F. Bougere and David Fonteno
Designed by Kate Edmunds (sets), Emilio Sosa (costumes), Kathy A. Perkins (lights), and André Pluess and Ben Sussman (sound/composers)

WHAT: Blue Door, a breathtaking new play directed by Delroy Lindo

WHERE: Berkeley Repertory Theatre's Thrust Stage
2025 Addison Street @ Shattuck, Downtown Berkeley

WHEN: Previews on 4/6 - 4/10/2007 - Performances on 4/11 - 5/20/2007
- Tuesdays & Fridays @ 8:00 PM
- Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM
- Thursdays & Saturdays @ 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
- Sundays @ 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
- No matinees during previews or on 4/12, 4/21, 4/26, 5/5 & 5/10
- No performance on 5/18

Calendar grid showing dates from April 6 to May 20 with performance times and symbols for previews, opening night, discussions, and page to stage.

Special Events -
Page to Stage (free talkback with Delroy Lindo): Monday 4/9 @ 7:00 PM
Opening night: Wednesday 4/11 @ 8:00 PM
night/OUT (LGBT event): Thursday 4/12 @ 8:00 PM
Target @ Teen Night: Friday 4/13 @ 6:30 PM
Student matinees: Thursday 4/26 & Thursday 5/10 @ noon
Post-play discussions: Thursday 4/26, Tuesday 5/8 & Friday 5/11 @ 8:00 PM
Docent presentations: Tuesdays 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8 & 5/15 @ 7:00 PM and
Thursdays 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17 @ 7:00 PM

HOW MUCH: Previews \$33 Sundays (2 PM & 7 PM) \$49
Tues (8 PM) / Wednesdays (7 PM) \$45 Friday evenings (8 PM) \$55
Thursdays (2 PM & 8 PM) \$47 Wednesday opening (8 PM) \$61
Saturday matinees (2 PM) \$47 Saturday evenings (8 PM) \$61

Discounts:
- 1/2 price tickets available for those under 30 (some restrictions apply)
- 1/2 price rush tickets for students and seniors sold 1/2 hour before curtain
- 20 half-price HotTix go on sale Tuesday through Friday at noon
- Groups of 15+ may contact 510.647.2918 or groups@berkeleyrep.org

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