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## BERKELEY REP'S PAGE TO STAGE DELIVERS FREE & FASCINATING TALKS FOR '08

JANUARY 7, 2008 – Theatres are usually dark on Mondays, but three times each season Berkeley Repertory Theatre makes Monday night glow with Page to Stage, a series of talks which engage brilliant guests in sparkling conversation. Today, the Tony Award-winning theatre announced the speakers for this year's free events:

- On January 28, Artistic Director **Tony Taccone** turns the tables on renowned journalist **Michael Krasny, PhD**... Instead of asking questions, Dr. Krasny answers them in a candid dialogue about his new book, *Off Mike: A Memoir of Talk Radio and Literary Life*. Dr. Krasny is the award-winning host of *Forum*, KQED's popular public affairs program.
- On February 4, hip-hop theatre artist **Aya de Léon** interviews Obie Award-winner **Danny Hoch** about his pivotal role in the hip-hop theatre movement and the world premiere of his latest piece, *Taking Over*. A stunning solo show about the ethnic and economic transformation of his urban neighborhood, *Taking Over* plays at Berkeley Rep from January 11 through February 10.
- Finally, on May 19, **David Gockley** of the San Francisco Opera moderates a conversation with the leading lights of Theatre de la Jeune Lune. **Steven Epp** and **Dominique Serrand** discuss the West Coast premiere of *Figaro* – which plays at Berkeley Rep from April 25 through June 8 – as well as past triumphs such as *The Miser*.

"We're used to hearing them on the radio or watching them on stage," **Taccone remarks**, "but Page to Stage offers another way to interact with these influential minds. I'm pleased that we can provide these talks to the public free of charge."

Every year, hundreds of people enjoy **Page to Stage**, a series of discussions sponsored by Peet's Coffee and Tea. Past programs have featured luminaries such as David Edgar, Francesca Faridnay, Leigh Fondakowski, Sarah Jones, Tony Kushner, Delroy Lindo, Donald Margulies, Terrence McNally, Charles Mee, Rita Moreno, Salman Rushdie, and Stephen Wadsworth.

**No tickets are necessary** for these free events, but seating is limited in Berkeley Rep's intimate Thrust Stage at 2025 Addison Street in downtown Berkeley. Each event begins at 7:00 PM, and doors open at 6:45 PM for general-admission seating. Donors in Berkeley Rep's Supporter Circle also enjoy an exclusive reception with each guest catered by a top local restaurant. For more information, call 510.647.2949 or 888-4-BRT-tix (toll-free) – or click [berkeleyrep.org](http://berkeleyrep.org).

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ATTENTION, CALENDAR EDITORS:

WHAT: Page to Stage, a series of free talks with fascinating minds

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

WHEN: Monday 1/28 @ 7:00 PM – Tony Taccone interviews Michael Krasny

Monday 2/4 @ 7:00 PM – Aya de Léon interviews Danny Hoch

Monday 5/19 @ 7:00 PM – David Gockley interviews Stephen Epp and Dominique Serrand

HOW MUCH: Free!

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