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**BERKELEY REP TOASTS *WISHFUL DRINKING* WITH A SERIES OF SPARKLING EVENTS**  
**Pre-show tastings, post-show parties, and more celebrate Carrie Fisher's new show**

JANUARY 31, 2008 – This February, hold onto your party hat! Berkeley Repertory Theatre is hosting a series of sparkling events to celebrate its production of **Carrie Fisher's *Wishful Drinking***. While the bestselling author and movie star performs a new solo show about her Hollywood hangover, Berkeley Rep welcomes gourmards, bookworms, teens, twenty-somethings, and the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender community to parties just for them:

- On Friday, February 8, local youth enjoy **Target® Teen Night**. This popular program kicks off at 6:30 PM with a pizza party and a behind-the-scenes talk with a member of the artistic team. Then the teens take over the theatre for a performance of *Wishful Drinking*.
- On Thursday, February 14, the LGBT community celebrates Valentine's Day at **night/OUT**. Carrie Fisher performs for the crowd at 8:00 PM, and the festivities continue late into the night. Revelers savor delicious desserts from Venus Restaurant, beautiful blossoms from Darling Flower Shop, and complimentary drinks from Raymond Vineyards and Triple Rock Brewery. The party also includes music from DJ rrus and live entertainment from two queer burlesque troupes: the Twilight Vixen Revue and Boylesque.
- On Friday, February 15, Berkeley Rep hosts **30 Below**, a party for people in their twenties sponsored by the *SF Bay Guardian*. This event includes a 7:00 PM tasting of top-notch spirits led by Craft Distillers, an 8:00 PM performance of *Wishful Drinking*, and a post-show party featuring free drinks, live music, munchies, and more.
- On Friday, February 22, the **Berkeley Rep Book Club** meets at 6:30 PM for a lively discussion of Fisher's first novel, *Postcards from the Edge*. The group, led by volunteer Mary Ann Peoples, is free – and, while you don't have to see *Wishful Drinking* to attend, reading the book will deepen your appreciation of the show.
- Finally, **gourmet tastings** take place before select performances on Friday and Saturday evenings. At these events, local artisans provide free samples at 7:00 PM, offering the perfect appetizer for a luxurious evening at the theatre. Craft Distillers is showcased on February 15, Domaine Carneros on February 16, Charles Chocolates on February 29, Pyramid Brewery on March 1, Maritime East Restaurant on March 15, Raymond Vineyards on March 28, and Fra'Mani Salumi on March 29.

In *Wishful Drinking*, Fisher tells a true and intoxicating story with the strong, wry wit that she poured into bestsellers like *Postcards from the Edge*. *Entertainment Weekly* declares the show “drolly hysterical,” and the *Los Angeles Times* dubs it a “**Beverly Hills yard sale of juicy anecdotes.**” Don't miss this outrageous chance to get Carried away.

**Tickets** to *Wishful Drinking* start as low as \$27 – with discounts available for students, seniors, and anyone under 30. Carrie Fisher performs at Berkeley Rep from February 8 through March 30 in the Roda Theatre, which is only one block from Berkeley's downtown BART station and close to AC Transit bus lines. To purchase seats, or for more information, call 510.647.2949 or 888-4-BRT-Tix (toll-free) – or simply click [berkeleyrep.org](http://berkeleyrep.org).

ATTENTION, CALENDAR EDITORS:

WHAT: **Target ® Teen Night**, a performance of *Wishful Drinking* with a pre-show party  
WHERE: Berkeley Rep's School of Theatre  
2071 Addison Street @ Shattuck / Downtown Berkeley  
WHEN: Friday 2/8 @ 6:30 PM  
HOW MUCH: \$8 - \$12 for teenagers only  
INFO & TIX: 510.647.2978, [school@berkeleyrep.org](mailto:school@berkeleyrep.org), or [berkeleyrep.org](http://berkeleyrep.org)

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WHAT: **night/OUT**, the LGBT community enjoys *Wishful Drinking* and a post-show party  
WHERE: Berkeley Rep's Roda Theatre  
2015 Addison Street @ Shattuck / Downtown Berkeley  
WHEN: Thursday 2/14 @ 8:00 PM  
HOW MUCH: \$18.50 - \$55  
INFO & TIX: 510.647.2949 or [berkeleyrep.org](http://berkeleyrep.org)

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WHAT: **30 Below**, the coolest theatre party for people in their twenties  
WHERE: Berkeley Rep's Roda Theatre  
2015 Addison Street @ Shattuck / Downtown Berkeley  
WHEN: Friday 2/15  
7:00 PM – complimentary tasting of fine spirits with Craft Distillers  
8:00 PM – performance of *Wishful Drinking* with a wild post-show party  
HOW MUCH: \$18.50 - \$55  
INFO & TIX: 510.647.2949 or [berkeleyrep.org](http://berkeleyrep.org)

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WHAT: **Gourmet tastings** of local culinary delights  
WHERE: Berkeley Rep's Roda Theatre  
2015 Addison Street @ Shattuck / Downtown Berkeley  
WHEN: Friday 2/15 (Craft Distillers), Saturday 2/16 (Domaine Carneros),  
Friday 2/29 (Charles Chocolates), Saturday 3/1 (Pyramid Brewery),  
Saturday 3/15 (Maritime East Restaurant), Friday 3/28 (Raymond Vineyards),  
and Saturday 3/29 (Fra'Mani Salumi).  
HOW MUCH: \$24.50 - \$69  
INFO & TIX: 510.647.2949 or [berkeleyrep.org](http://berkeleyrep.org)

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WHAT: The **Berkeley Rep Book Club** discusses Carrie Fisher's *Postcards from the Edge*  
WHERE: Berkeley Rep's Roda Theatre in the John C. Mendel Room  
2015 Addison St @ Shattuck / Downtown Berkeley  
WHEN: Friday 2/22 @ 6:30 PM (please RSVP in advance)  
HOW MUCH: Free  
INFO & TIX: 510.647.2916 or [bookclub@berkeleyrep.org](mailto:bookclub@berkeleyrep.org)

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