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BERKELEY REP RENTS ITS THEATRES & FACILITIES TO LOCAL GROUPS**Local Arts Agencies and Nonprofits to Benefit**

JUNE 30, 2008 – Today Berkeley Repertory Theatre announced that, during its 2008/09 Season, it will make up to **320 hours available for public rental** of its facilities. Rentals are a key way that Berkeley Rep engages with the community and, as part of that service, priority is given to Berkeley-based arts organizations and other not-for-profit agencies that benefit the local community. These rental hours are provided as part of the agreement governing the Theatre's relationship with the City of Berkeley.

During the theatre season that begins September 1, 2008 and runs through August 31, 2009, the following spaces will be available for rental on the specified dates:

- **THRUST STAGE** (2025 Addison Street)
Capacity: 401
Availability in 2009: May 18 and June 8
- **RODA THEATRE** (2015 Addison Street)
Capacity: 587
Availability in 2008: September 23 and September 24
Availability in 2009: June 15 and June 22
- **REHEARSAL HALL A** (2081 Center Street)
Room Dimensions: 42' x 37'
Availability in 2008: September 9 through September 21
Availability in 2009: June 2 through June 21
- **REHEARSAL HALL B** (2081 Center Street)
Room Dimensions: 20' x 19'
Availability in 2008: September 12 through September 17

Berkeley-based organizations and businesses will get first priority in the following order: not-for-profit arts organizations, for-profit arts organizations, other not-for-profit organizations, educational or governmental entities, and non-arts-related, for-profit businesses. These dates will be held exclusively for public rentals until September 15, 2008; other dates for rental of these spaces may become available during the season.

For more information about rental rates, policies, and bookings, please contact Amanda Williams O'Steen, Berkeley Rep's associate production manager, at 510.647.2925 or awilliams@berkeleyrep.org.

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