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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE INVITES TEENS TO LEAD AND INSPIRE
AT ANNUAL ONE-ACTS FESTIVAL**

**Call to local high schoolers to write, direct, produce and star in
this year's celebration of new work**

NOVEMBER 7, 2013 – At Berkeley Repertory Theatre, opportunities abound for teens to explore the creative and collaborative elements of theatre-making. This spring local high school students are invited to audition to participate in Berkeley Rep School of Theatre's annual [Teen One-Acts Festival](#). An ensemble of teens will delve into acting, directing, playwriting, and designing, producing another exciting festival of new works from the ground up. Now in its 12th season, the Teen One-Acts Festival has produced 24 original works, including one short film. Over the years, approximately 350 young artists have participated in the festival whose notable alumni include **Lauren Yee** (*Ching Chong Chinaman*), **Katie Henry** (winner of Young Playwrights Inc.'s National Playwriting Contest), and **Roxie Perkins** (recipient of Dr. Floyd Gaffney National Playwriting Award).

The Teen One-Acts Festival provides young artists the opportunity to develop their own stories, giving them the tools to transform their ideas into a finished product. Every year, two original plays penned by Bay Area teens are selected to be performed, directed, and produced by their peers. The teens are mentored throughout the entire process by members of Berkeley Rep's comprehensive year-long fellowship program. The two plays selected this year will receive their world premiere onstage at the Osher Studio in the Arts Passage at Berkeley Central. Visit www.berkeleyrep.org/teenoneacts to learn about the many ways to get involved:

- **Write.** Young playwrights are encouraged to submit their scripts into the **Playwriting Competition** for the festival. Each play should contain at least three characters and be no longer than 35 minutes in length. Scripts must be double-spaced, typewritten in 12-point font, and compatible with Microsoft Word. Submissions can be sent to teencouncil@berkeleyrep.org including your name, phone number, school, and grade in the body of your email. The deadline for submissions is Friday, November 22, 2013.
- **Act.** Aspiring actors are invited to audition for the festival at 4:00pm on Friday, January 10 and 1:00pm on Saturday, January 11, 2014. Please come prepared with a monologue no longer than two minutes. Auditions are held at the Berkeley Rep School of Theatre at 2071 Addison Street in downtown Berkeley. Call (510) 647-2984 or e-mail teencouncil@berkeleyrep.org to set up an audition time.
- **Direct.** Lead through the creative process of staging a world premiere. Directors for this year's festival will be selected through a series of interviews scheduled for Saturday, December 14 from 1:00-4:00pm. To reserve an interview time, call (510) 647-2984 or e-mail teencouncil@berkeleyrep.org.

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- **Produce.** Work hands-on with Berkeley Rep's staff as a Festival producer. Oversee workshops, organize meetings, prepare the production budget, and manage a marketing campaign. Producer interviews are held on Wednesday, November 13 at 5:00pm at the School of Theatre – 2071 Addison Street in downtown Berkeley. Call (510) 647-2984 or e-mail teencouncil@berkeleyrep.org to schedule an interview.
- **Behind the scenes.** Are you interested in the technical side of theatre? Work with mentors to get the festival on its feet by stage managing or designing costumes, sets, lights, or sound. Stage manager and designer interviews are held on Saturday, December 14 from 1:00-4:00pm at the School of Theatre – 2071 Addison Street, downtown Berkeley. Call (510) 647-2984 or e-mail teencouncil@berkeleyrep.org to reserve your interview spot.
- **Showtime.** Everyone is invited to see the final show – written, performed, and produced entirely by local teens! Performances of the winning scripts take place this spring at the Osher Studio in the Arts Passage at Berkeley Central with 8:00pm shows on March 28 and 29, and a 2:00pm matinee on March 30, 2014. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$15 for adults.

The **Berkeley Rep Teen Council** is a theatre youth group organized by teens for teens. Its goal is to foster the next generation of theatre audiences and theatre professionals of tomorrow through a variety of interactive programs. Currently, the Council has more than 300 members, including youth from numerous local high schools. For more information, call (510) 647-2984, visit www.berkeleyrep.org/teencouncil or e-mail teencouncil@berkeleyrep.org.

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CALENDAR: (for submission deadline & interviews/auditions)

WHO: Teens who love theatre

WHAT: 12th Annual Teen One-Acts Festival

Every year, teens select two original plays penned by local students to be performed, directed, and staged by their peers at the Berkeley Rep School of Theatre. Opportunities abound for local youth to explore acting, directing, playwriting, producing, and more.

WHERE: Berkeley Rep's School of Theatre, 2071 Addison St @ Shattuck, Berkeley, CA 94704

WHEN:

- **November 13 @ 5pm:** Teen One-Acts Festival producer interviews.
- **November 22:** Competition deadline to submit plays for consideration.
- **December 14 @ 1pm:** Teen One-Acts Festival director, designer, and stage manager interviews.
- **January 10 @ 4pm and January 11 @ 1pm:** Auditions for teens who wish to perform in the festival.

HOW MUCH: **Free!**

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CALENDAR: *(for performance)*

WHO: General public

WHAT: 12th Annual Teen One-Acts Festival

World premiere performance of two original plays written, performed, directed, and staged by Bay Area teens.

WHERE: Osher Studio at Berkeley Central, 2055 Center St @ Shattuck, Berkeley, CA 94704

WHEN:

March 28 @ 8pm, March 29 @ 8pm, and March 30 @ 2pm

HOW MUCH: **\$10 for students; \$15 for adults**

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