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TEENS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN BERKELEY REP'S ANNUAL ONE-ACTS FESTIVAL
Local high schoolers write, direct, produce, and star in this year's celebration of new work

OCTOBER 15, 2015 – At Berkeley Repertory Theatre, opportunities abound for teens to explore the creative and collaborative elements of theatre-making. Berkeley Rep's School of Theatre invites local high school students to participate in its annual Teen One-Acts Festival in March 2016 to practice their craft in acting, directing, playwriting, designing, and ultimately producing an exciting festival of new works from the ground up.

“Our **Teen One-Acts Festival** provides young artists the opportunity to develop their own stories by giving them the tools to transform their ideas into a finished product,” states Rachel Fink, director of the School of Theatre. Every year, two original plays penned by Bay Area teens are selected to be directed, performed, and produced by their peers. The teens are mentored throughout the process by the current fellows from Berkeley Rep's intensive year-long fellowship program. The two plays selected this year will receive their world premieres March 18-20, 2016 in Berkeley Rep's Osher Studio.

Now in its 14th season, the Teen One-Acts Festival has produced 28 original works, including one short film. Over the years, approximately 400 young artists have participated in the festival, including notable alumni **Lauren Yee** (nominee of 2015 Theatre Bay Area Awards' Outstanding World Premiere Play for *Hookman*), **Katie Henry** (winner of Young Playwrights Inc.'s National Playwriting Contest), and **Roxie Perkins** (recipient of Dr. Floyd Gaffney Playwriting Award).

There are multiple ways for teens to get involved. For full information and details, visit our website at berkeleyrep.org/teenoneacts.

- **Write.** Young playwrights are encouraged to submit scripts to the **Playwriting Competition**. 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 **Monday, November 9, 2015**.
- **Direct.** Directors for this year's festival will be selected through a series of interviews scheduled for **Tuesday, December 1 from 4:30-7pm and Thursday December 3 between 4:30-7pm**. To reserve an interview time, call (510) 647-2984 or e-mail teencouncil@berkeleyrep.org.
- **Act.** Aspiring actors are invited to audition for the festival **from 4:30-7:30pm on Friday, December 11** at the Berkeley Rep School of Theatre – 2071 Addison Street, downtown Berkeley. Invited callbacks will be held **from 2-6pm on Saturday, December 12**. Call (510) 647-2984 or e-mail teencouncil@berkeleyrep.org to set up an audition time.
- **Behind the scenes.** Teens interested the technical side of theatre can work with mentors to get the festival on its feet by stage managing or designing costumes, sets, lights, and sound. Stage manager and designer interviews will be held on **Wednesday, December 16 from 4-7pm**, 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.

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- **Showtime.** Performances of the winning scripts will take place this spring in **Osher Studio** at Berkeley Central at **8pm on Friday, March 18, 2016 and Saturday, March 19, 2016 and 2pm on Sunday, March 20, 2016.** Tickets are \$10 for students, \$15 for adults.

The Teen One-Acts Festival is made possible by Target, with additional funding provided by Kaufman Family Fund.

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 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 berkeleyrep.org/teencouncil, or e-mail teencouncil@berkeleyrep.org.

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CALENDAR: (for submission deadline & interviews/auditions)

WHO: High school students

WHAT: 14th 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 participate through acting, directing, playwriting, producing, and more.

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

WHEN:

- **November 9:** Competition deadline to submit plays for consideration
- **December 1 & 3 @ 4:30pm:** Director interviews
- **December 11 @ 4:30pm:** Auditions for teens who wish to perform in the festival
- **December 12 @ 2pm:** Invited callbacks
- **December 16 @ 4:00pm** Designer and stage manager interviews

HOW MUCH: **Free!**

INFO: (510) 647-2984, teencouncil@berkeleyrep.org, or berkeleyrep.org/teenoneacts

CALENDAR: (for performance)

WHO: General public

WHAT: 14th Annual Teen One-Acts Festival

World premiere production 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 18 @ 8pm, March 19 @ 8pm, March 20 @ 2pm**

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

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