

MEDIA ALERT

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**MOSCONE & TACCONE INTRODUCE PLAY THAT HONORS MEMORY OF LATE MAYOR****Collaborators discuss Berkeley Rep's *Ghost Light* in press conference at noon on 1/11**

- WHO: Jonathan Moscone (director) and Tony Taccone (playwright)
- WHAT: Press conference to introduce *Ghost Light*, a new play that conjures an imaginary world based on the assassination of Mayor George Moscone
- WHERE: **Berkeley Rep's Roda Theatre**  
2015 Addison St @ Shattuck in downtown Berkeley, CA 94704
- WHEN: Wednesday, January 11 @ noon

On Wednesday, January 11 at noon, respected theatre director Jonathan Moscone – along with his collaborator, playwright Tony Taccone – will introduce the media to a new play that honors the memory of his late father, Mayor George Moscone. *Ghost Light* opens at the Tony Award-winning Berkeley Repertory Theatre that night.

Although the play is fictional, it conjures an imaginary world based on the assassination of San Francisco's late leader. The main character, his son, struggles to come to terms with his grief and the important political legacy of his dad. Ultimately, it becomes a universal story about fathers and sons, a meditation on memory and loss that will speak to people of every persuasion.

"For years I never thought I had permission to investigate the loss of my dad as both father and political figure through my art," **Moscone remarks**. "Bill Rauch at OSF convinced me otherwise. And through this deep collaboration with Tony, I have brought my history firmly into my work, and used my work to meditate on my story, all of which has articulated a new identity for me as a theatre maker. I am so grateful to Bill, Tony, and our extraordinary company of actors and designers for contributing to a play that I hope resonates with people who miss George, and with people who didn't even know him, but seek a way to remember those whom they have lost in their own lives."

**Taccone comments:** "It's a real thrill and an honor to have collaborated with so many great people on this project, and to have an opportunity as a writer to imagine a fictional tale that is rooted in actual history. Jon has been an inspiration. He was utterly transparent and willing to explore every facet of his experience, yet he allowed me the freedom to write my own play. We look forward to sharing it with audiences in the Bay Area."

*Ghost Light* is a co-production with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. It runs through February 19 on Berkeley Rep's intimate Thrust Stage, which is located at 2025 Addison Street in downtown Berkeley. Tickets range from \$17 to \$78. To purchase seats, or for more information, call (510) 647-2949 or visit [berkeleyrep.org](http://berkeleyrep.org)

**Berkeley Repertory Theatre** has grown from a storefront stage to a national leader in innovative theatre. With two stages, a school, and a Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre, Berkeley Rep is proud to premiere exhilarating new plays. In the last six years, the company has helped send six shows to Broadway. Seven more landed off Broadway, one moved to London, two turned into films, and others have toured the nation. Come see tomorrow's plays today at Berkeley Rep.

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RECIPIENT OF THE TONY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING REGIONAL THEATRE

# GHOST LIGHT

## FACT SHEET

- WHO:** Conceived and developed by Jonathan Moscone and Tony Taccone  
 Written by Tony Taccone  
 Directed by Jonathan Moscone  
 Designed by Todd Rosenthal (sets), Meg Neville (costumes), Christopher Akerlind (lights), Andre Pluess (sound), and Maya Ciarrochi (video)  
 Starring Danforth Comins, Ted Deasy, Peter Frechette, Bill Geisslinger, Isaac Kosydar, Peter Macon, Christopher Liam Moore, Tyler James Myers, Sarita Ocón, and Robynn Rodriguez
- WHAT:** The world-premiere production of *Ghost Light*  
 A play that conjures an imaginary world based on the assassination of Mayor George Moscone
- WHERE:** Berkeley Repertory Theatre  
 Thrust Stage, 2025 Addison Street @ Shattuck, Berkeley, CA 94704
- WHEN:** **January 6 – February 19, 2012**
- Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays @ 8:00 PM
  - Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM
  - Saturdays @ 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM
  - Sundays @ 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM
  - Extra 2:00 PM performances on Thursdays 1/19 and 2/16
  - No matinees on 1/7, 1/8, or 1/21
  - No performance on 2/17

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**Special Events:**

- Low-cost previews: Friday 1/6, Saturday 1/7 & Tuesday 1/10 @ 8:00 PM and Sunday 1/8 @ 7:00 PM
- Teen night: Friday 1/6 @ 6:30 PM
- Opening night: Wednesday 1/11 @ 8:00 PM
- Page to Stage (free talk w/ Taccone and Moscone): Monday 1/23 @ 7:00 PM
- Pre-show docent talks: Tuesdays 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7 & 2/14 and Thursdays 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9 & 2/16 @ 7:00 PM
- Post-play discussions: Thursday 1/26, Tuesday 1/31, and Friday 2/10 @ 8:00 PM
- Student matinee: Thursday 2/2 @ noon
- Tastings: Fridays 1/13 (Raymond Vineyards), 1/20 (Peterson Winery), 1/27 (Speakeasy Ales & Lagers) & 2/3 (Bread Workshop) @ 7:00 PM; Saturdays 1/14 (Calstar Cellars), 1/21 (Semifreddi's), 2/4 (Cater Too) & 2/18 (Raymond Vineyards) @ 7:00 PM; and Sundays 1/15 (Dr. Kracker), 1/22 (Cocoa Diva's Chocolate Bar) & 2/19 (Semifreddi's) @ 6:00 PM

- P PREVIEW
- TN TEEN NIGHT
- \* OPENING NIGHT
- D POST-SHOW DISCUSSION
- T TASTING
- DOCENT PRESENTATIONS EVERY TUE & THU 7PM

**HOW MUCH:** \$14.50 - \$73 (subject to change)

- Discounts:
- Half-price tickets available for anyone under 30 years of age
  - \$10 discount for students and seniors one hour before curtain
  - Groups of 10 or more, contact (510) 647-2918 or groups@berkeleyrep.org

**PHOTOS:** <http://www.berkeleyrep.org/press/photos-12gl.asp>

**TIX & INFO:** (510) 647-2949 – [berkeleyrep.org](http://www.berkeleyrep.org) – (888) 4-BRT-Tix (toll-free)