

## MEDIA ALERT



# NEW VILLAGE ARTS



## New Village Arts, Oceanside Theatre Company Jointly Present Stephen Sondheim's INTO THE WOODS in Oceanside, March 18 to May 1, 2022

### For Immediate Release

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**Oceanside, CA: (February 25, 2022)** — [New Village Arts](#) is partnering with the [Oceanside Theatre Company \(OTC\)](#) to co-produce Stephen Sondheim's *INTO THE WOODS*, at the Historic Brooks Theater in downtown Oceanside. Directed by NVA's Kristianne Kurner, the musical, based on James Lapine's book, brings well-known fairytale characters to musical life. Interwoven through their tales is the story of a baker and his wife, whose longing for a child is thwarted by a mischievous witch. Stephen Sondheim's songs, seamlessly melded to Lapine's text, are perfect expressions of the complications of living in modern society and the difficult choices we encounter on the paths of our lives. *INTO THE WOODS* will transform the OTC's Brooks Theater stage into a magic land where almost anything can (and does) happen. The production opens March 18 and runs through May 1 at the Sunshine Brooks Theater, 217 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside, CA.

"New Village Arts performed INTO THE WOODS during our 10th Anniversary Season in 2012, and we are so happy to bring it back again this year for our 20th Anniversary Season," says Executive Artistic Director Kristianne Kurner. "The piece is modernized and reflective of what we have all been living through over the last couple of years of the pandemic and looks forward to a brighter future, as we all hope to do."

"We are blessed to be in a position to honor the legacy of perhaps America's greatest musical theatre composer mere weeks after his passing," said OTC's Ted Leib. "We are proud to present Sondheim's most beloved work as our first large-scale production in two years, in partnership with our good friends at New Village Arts."

This unique co-production brings together two of North County's most creative and award-winning theatre companies in a collaboration designed to engage audiences across the region. The theater companies have also partnered with one of Oceanside's newest restaurants, [Piper](#) at the Seabird Resort, and will feature an exclusive dinner-theatre package available on the website soon.

Sondheim, one of the preeminent figures in 20th century American theatre, passed away in late 2021 and this co-production pays an ode to his transformative style. The cast includes:

- Lauren Ashley - Jack's Mother/Granny
- Danny Campbell - Narrator/Mysterious Man/Cinderella's Father
- Megan Carmitchel - Cinderella
- Brittany Carrillo - Rapunzel/Cinderella's Stepmother
- Layth Haddad - The Steward/Swing
- Rae Henderson-Gray - Witch
- Jasmine January - Little Red
- Sydney Joyner - Baker's Wife
- Taylor Magee - Lucinda/Swing
- Luke Monday - Baker
- Olivia Pence - Florinda/Swing
- Kevin Phan - Jack/Rapunzel's Prince
- Tanner Vydos - Cinderella's Prince/Wolf
- Jac Mannion - Understudy Steward, Lucinda, Florinda

*INTO THE WOODS* is presented through a special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

### **Schedule**

*Previews:* March 18-25

*Opening Night:* March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

*Performances:* March 27-May 1

### **Location**

Sunshine Brooks Theatre  
217 North Coast Highway  
Oceanside, CA 92054

### **Ticket information:**

Ticket prices: \$23 to \$52

[www.newvillagearts.org](http://www.newvillagearts.org)

(760) 433-3245

OTC Brooks Theater Box Office: 760-433-8900

### **Creative Team**

**Director:** Kristianne Kurner

**Music Director:** Leigh Anne Sutherlin

**Choreography:** Alyssa "Ajay" Junious

**Stage Manager:** Myles Vencill

**Wig Designer:** Missy Bradstreet

**Sound Designer:** Evan Eason

**Properties Designer:** Elaine Henderson-Gray

**Costume Designer:** Keira McGee

**Scenic Designer:** Christopher Scott Murillo

**Lighting Designer:** Beckett Zittlau-Johnson

Assistant Scenic Design: Alondra Velez

### **Sponsors and Partners**

- Sponsored by the City of Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office
- **Community Partner:** Piper Restaurant

### **New Village Arts 20th Anniversary Season 2021–22**

#### **DESERT ROCK GARDEN**

##### ***WORLD PREMIERE PLAY***

February 11-March 13, 2022

New Village Arts, 2787 State St., Carlsbad, CA 92008

Written by Roy Sekigahama

Directed by Yari Cervas

#### **FINAL DRAFT NEW PLAY FESTIVAL**

April 1-3, 2022

New Village Arts, 2787 State St., Carlsbad, CA 92008

Produced by Farah Dinga

#### **INTO THE WOODS**

##### ***STEPHEN SONDHEIM'S TWISTED FAIRY TALES***

Co-production with Oceanside Theatre Company

March 18–May 1, 2022

Oceanside Theatre Company at the Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside

Written by Stephen Sondheim & James Lapine

Directed by Kristianne Kurner

### **Performance Days and Times**

New this season! Select Wednesday matinees at 2:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 7:30 p.m. (not available for performances at Oceanside Theatre Company)

Fridays: 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sundays: 2:00 p.m. and select Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

### **Tickets**

Single tickets for the 2021–22 season are \$30–\$59, or \$27 for previews. Discounts are available for seniors, military, and students, and for groups of ten or more.

### **COVID Safety Protocols**

Audience safety is our primary concern. All NVA staff, performers, ushers, crew, and volunteers are fully vaccinated.

Throughout this season all guests need to have a photo ID and either their physical CDC vaccination card, a picture of their vaccination card, or a digital vaccination record, until further notice. There must be at least 14 days elapsed from the date of the second dose for Pfizer or Moderna vaccines.

Any unvaccinated person must present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result taken within 72 hours of the performance date. Masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, for all indoor performances, events and activities. *\*COVID guidelines subject to change. Visit [newvillagearts.org](http://newvillagearts.org) for the most up-to-date information.*

### **About New Village Arts**

Celebrating 20 years of award-winning professional theatre, thrilling and unique visual arts, and thriving education and outreach programs, New Village Arts (NVA) has truly become the cultural hub of North County San Diego. New Village Arts is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

NVA attracts more than 20,000 patrons each year to experience professional theatre, currently presented in the heart of Carlsbad Village. In addition to full seasons of plays and musicals featuring some of the best artistic talent in Southern California, NVA hosts talkback discussions and other supplementary events designed to create conversation and cultivate community. NVA offers robust theatre programs in partnership with local schools and strongly believes that theatre and arts experiences should be accessible to ALL people, becoming a recognized leader in equity, diversity, and inclusion in San Diego. NVA has been fortunate to receive support from the City of Carlsbad and other local businesses, who recognize the importance of a resident professional theatre company as a crucial component of an inclusive and creative community. In turn NVA prioritizes serving its community by presenting works that respect its diversity, engaging every citizen with relevant and inspiring stories.

New Village Arts, Inc. | 2787 State Street, Carlsbad, CA 92008 | 760-433-3245 | [www.newvillagearts.org](http://www.newvillagearts.org)

**About Oceanside Theatre Company:**

[Oceanside Theatre Company](http://www.oceansidetheatre.org) (OTC), the resident professional theater company operating the Historic Sunshine Brooks Theater in downtown Oceanside, is a center point of the Oceanside CA Cultural District (OCCD). OTC'S mission is to produce professional theatrical, visual art and musical productions for the entertainment and enrichment of the community; present educational opportunities in the arts for children and adults; and provide a safe, state-of-the-art public venue for expansion of artistic endeavors in North San Diego County and greater southern California. OTC produces a four-show mainstage theatre season in the 198-seat venue, as well as a Music Series and ongoing events and play readings in the adjacent black box theater, Studio 219. OTC is supported in part by the City of Oceanside, San Diego County, local corporations, foundations and its members. To learn more visit [www.oceansidetheatre.org](http://www.oceansidetheatre.org).

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