



# NEW VILLAGE ARTS

MEDIA ALERT

New Village Arts Presents  
**DOUBT: A PARABLE**

*2005 Tony Award Winner for Best Play  
and Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama*

Written by John Patrick Shanley  
Directed by Kristianne Kurner

September 22 thru October 22, 2023

*For Immediate Release: August 15, 2023*

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Carlsbad, CA – New Village Arts (NVA), North County’s cultural hub, launches its fall season with John Patrick Shanley’s *DOUBT: A PARABLE*. Directed by NVA’s Founder and Executive Artistic Director Kristianne Kurner, *DOUBT* will be performed in the Conrad Prebys Theatre at the Dea Hurston New Village Arts Center, 2787 State Street in Carlsbad Village. Previews are September 22 thru 29, with performances September 30 to October 22, 2023.

In this brilliant and powerful drama, Sister Aloysius, a Bronx school principal, takes matters into her own hands when she suspects the young Father Flynn of improper relations with one of the male students. In their review, *Variety* wrote, "All the elements come invigoratingly together like clockwork in John Patrick Shanley's provocative new play, *DOUBT*, a gripping story of suspicion cast on a priest's behavior that is less about scandal than about fascinatingly nuanced questions of moral certainty."

Kurner will be directing the show after her regional premiere of Jez Butterworth’s *THE FERRYMAN* at NVA, which sold out its entire 6-week run and was highly acclaimed from critics and audiences alike. "DOUBT has been on my 'dream directing' list since it first came out and I'm thrilled to share it with our audiences at this time. This play leans into how we define truth and how one person's truth can be completely different than someone else's. What happens when two truths don't match up?"

New Village Arts production features Kym Pappas (NVA's THE FERRYMAN) in the role of Sister Aloysius and AJ Knox (NVA's AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS) as Father Flynn. In 2008, DOUBT: A PARABLE was adapted as a feature film starring Meryl Streep as Sister Aloysius and Philip Seymour Hoffman as Father Flynn. And in February, 2024, the play will return to Broadway in a Roundabout Theatre Company production starring Tyne Daly and Live Schreiber with direction by Scott Ellis.

DOUBT: A PARABLE is the second production in New Village Arts 22<sup>nd</sup> Season which features four subscription productions and a special holiday return of 1222 OCEANFRONT: A BLACK FAMILY CHRISTMAS.

### **CAST AND DESIGNERS**

Sister Aloysius Beauvier	Kym Pappas
Sister James	Juliana Scheduling
Father Brendan Flynn	Dr. AJ Knox
Mrs. Muller	Sherrell Tyler
Direction	Kristianne Kurner
Stage Manager	Nathan Waits
Scenic Design	Christopher Scott Murillo
Costume Design	Kevane La'Marr Coleman
Props and Assistant Design	Sofia Cassidy
Lighting Design	Shelby Thach

## **New Village Arts 22<sup>nd</sup> Season 2023-2024**

### **A WEEKEND WITH PABLO PICASSO**

Written by Herbert Siguenza

Directed by Todd Salovey

Set and Costume Design by Giulio Perrone

Projection Design by Victoria Petrovich

Original Musical Score by Bruno Louchoarn

Previews: August 4-11

Opening Night: August 12

August 12 to September 3

***A WEEKEND WITH PABLO PICASSO played to sold out houses across the country.***

### **DOUBT: A PARABLE**

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Directed by Executive Artistic Director Kristianne Kurner

Previews: September 22-29

Opening Night: September 30

September 30 to October 22

***Recipient of The Tony Award for Best Play and Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama***

### **1222 OCEANFRONT: A BLACK FAMILY CHRISTMAS**

Written by Dea Hurston

Created by Dea Hurston, Milena (Sellers) Phillips, Frankie Alicea-Ford, Kevin “Blax” Burroughs

Original Music by Milena (Sellers) Phillips

Directed by Kandace Crystal

Previews November 17-24;

Opens November 25

November 25 - December 24

***Named as one of the best shows of 2021 by The San Diego Union-Tribune***

### **FUN HOME**

Music by Jeanine Tesori

Book and Lyrics by Lisa Kron

Based on the Graphic Novel by Alison Bechdel

Directed by Kym Pappas

Featuring Rae Henderson-Gray

Previews: January 26 – Feb 2

Opening Night: February 3

February 3 to March 3

***Recipient of the 2015 Tony Award for Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical, and Best Original Score.***

### **THE 39 STEPS**

Adapted by Patrick Barlow From the novel by John Buchan

From the movie by Alfred Hitchcock

Directed by AJ Knox

Previews: April 5-12

Opening Night: April 13

April 13 – May 12

***Olivier Award for Best Comedy and Tony Award for Best Play***

### **THE COLOR PURPLE**

Based on the novel by Alice Walker

Book by Marsha Norman

Music and Lyrics by Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray

Directed by Kandace Crystal

Previews: June 7-14

Opening Night: June 15

June 15 - July 21

***A Pulitzer Prize. A National Book Award. Eleven Academy Award Nominations. Four Golden Globe Nominations. Three Tony Awards.***

### **PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

#### **Performance Days and Times**

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday Matinees at 2:00 pm

Thursday, Friday and Saturday Evenings at 7:30 pm

## **Tickets and Subscriptions**

Subscriptions for the 4 Show Package range from \$108 to \$207

Subscribers receive a 15% discount on all tickets to A WEEKEND WITH PABLO PICASSO and 1222 OCEANFRONT: A BLACK FAMILY CHRISTMAS.

Single tickets range from \$30 to \$55 for plays and \$30 to \$60 for musicals.

## **About New Village Arts**

Celebrating 22 years of award-winning professional theatre and thriving education and outreach programs, New Village Arts (NVA) has truly become the cultural hub of North County San Diego.

NVA attracts more than 30,000 patrons each year to experience professional theatre, music and art events 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. New this year, the White Family Next Stage in the Dea Hurston New Village Arts Center presents a series of music and spoken word events throughout the year. 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.

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