



NEW VILLAGE ARTS

MEDIA ALERT

New Village Arts Announces First Show of 23rd Season

8-TRACK: The Sounds of the '70s

Created By Rich Seeber

Musical Arrangements By Michael Gribbin

Directed By Gerilyn Brault

Musical Direction By E.Y. Washington

Choreography By Joy Newbegin

Previews August 16-23, 2024

August 16-September 15, 2024

For immediate release: August 8th, 2024

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Carlsbad, CA – New Village Arts (NVA), North County’s cultural hub, is thrilled to announce the first musical of our 2024-2025 season. This, our 23rd Season and our second full season in the renovated and renamed Dea Hurston New Village Arts Center, focuses on diverse voices examining what it means to **BELIEVE** in something. *8-TRACK: THE SOUNDS OF THE '70s* was created by Rich Seeber with musical arrangements by Michael Gribbin. *8-TRACK* will be directed by Gerilyn Brault with musical direction by E.Y. Washington, and choreography by Joy Newbegin. *8-TRACK* will run August 24th through September 15th. Previews will happen on August 16-23rd with an Opening Night Reception on August 24th, 2024.



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Founder and Executive Artistic Director Kristianne Kurner writes *“We are proud to end the summer and start our next season with a show that is pure FUN! This talented group of actors take you on a tour through the greatest hits of the 1970s and will leave you with a smile on your face and a dance in your heart.”*

New Village Arts kicks off our 23rd season with the nostalgia and fun of *8-TRACK: THE SOUNDS OF THE '70s*. With its propulsive rhythms and dazzling harmonies, *8-TRACK* is a fast-paced 90-minute musical romp through one of the most impassioned decades of the 20th century. This music lovers' dream come true features the hits of The Emotions, The Carpenters, Labelle, Barry Manilow, Marvin Gaye, The Doobie Brothers, The Bee Gees, Helen Reddy, KC and the Sunshine Band, and so many more. Rediscover the heart and soul of the unforgettable decade with this joyously rousing, moving, and often downright hilarious musical in concert.

NVA favorite Gerilyn Brault steps into the director chair, promising to bring the fun and nostalgia to life. Brault has an extensive resume of work with NVA, including performances in *AVENUE Q*, *INTIMATE APPAREL*, *SERVANT OF TWO MASTERS*, as well as Dialect Coach for numerous productions, including *AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS* and more, this experience makes her the perfect leader for this joyful production.

Brault has brought together a fantastic team, including two NVA debuts with E.Y. Washington as music director and Joy Newbegin as choreographer. Nathan Waits will stage manage with Joseff Paz as assistant stage manager. Waits has stage managed numerous productions on our Ray Charles Stage, including *SINGIN' IN THE RAIN*, *FUN HOME*, and *THE 39 STEPS*. The set is designed, constructed, and painted by Zach Elliot. The bright and funky costumes of the era will be designed by Janet Pitcher, who recently costumed our production of *THE COLOR PURPLE*. Assisting Pitcher will be MaryKate Reeves-Hoche and Emily Sandoval. Kevane La'Marr Coleman will design the wigs and lighting will be designed by Chris Renda. Sound Design will be done by director Brault, and sound operation will be done by NVA's Technical Manager, Marcus Rico.

“I'm so excited to start the New Village Arts' 23rd season; a theatre that means so much to me. This show is nothing but fun as we celebrate the great music of the 1970s. Our team is filled with delightful people that will ensure patrons have a wonderful time. I can wait to end the summer with such a fun musical review!” says the *8-TRACK* director Gerilyn Brault.



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The powerhouse performers include Melissa Fernandes, Juanita Harris, Kingsley Jackson, and Kyros Jijia Shen with understudies Joy Newbegin and Marlon James Magtibay. Harris and Jackson were seen together in our most recent production of *THE COLOR PURPLE*; Harris wowed audiences as the Church Soloist, while Jackson charmed audiences as Harpo. Fernandes is a longtime NVA alum, with notable performances in *AVENUE Q*, *THE FULL MONTY*, and *INTO THE WOODS*. Marlon James Magtibay, Kyros Jijia Shen and Joy Newbegin join the company for their New Village Arts debuts.

Season 23 sponsors include Prebys Foundation, Jazzercise, Peace Thru Arts, County of San Diego, City of Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office, and Visit Carlsbad. Sponsorship opportunities are available upon request.

We BELIEVE in the power of theatre to inspire, uplift and enlighten our community. We look forward to seeing you soon at the Dea Hurston New Village Arts Center for *8-TRACK: The Sounds of the '70s!*

CAST of 8-TRACK: The Sounds of the '70s

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Juanita Harris

Kingsley Jackson

Kyros Jijia Shen

Swings

Joy Newbegin

Marlon James Matibay

CREATIVES of 8-TRACK: The Sounds of the '70s

Gerilyn Brault

Director

E.Y. Washington

Music Director

Joy Newbegin

Choreographer

Zach Elliot

Scenic Design

Janet Pitcher

Costume Design

Chris Renda

Lighting Design

Gerilyn Brault

Sound Design



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Kevane La'Marr Coleman	Wig Design
Nathan Waits	Stage Manager
Joseff Paz	Assistant Stage Manager
MaryKate Reeves-Hoche	Costume Assistant
Emily Sandoval^	Costume Stitcher
Marcus Rico	Audio Operator
Teri Carpentier	Rehearsal Accompanist

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THE THANKSGIVING PLAY

Written by Larissa FastHorse



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Directed by Daniel Jáquez

Featuring Samantha Ginn as Logan

Previews: October 4-11, 2024

Opening Night: October 12, 2024

October 4 - November 3, 2024

SAN DIEGO PREMIERE

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET: A LIVE MUSICAL RADIO PLAY

Adapted by Lance Arthur Smith

Original Songs and Arrangements by Jon Lorenz

Directed by Faith Carrion and Kay McNellen

Previews: November 22-29, 2024

Opening Night: November 30, 2024

November 22 - December 24, 2024

THE HALF LIFE OF MARIE CURIE

Written by Lauren Gunderson

Directed by Kym Pappas

Previews: January 24-31, 2025

Opening Night: February 1, 2025

January 24 - February 23, 2025

SAN DIEGO PREMIERE

Sandra Delgado's LA HAVANA MADRID

Written by Sandra Delgado

Directed by Juliana Frey-Méndez

Previews: March 21-28, 2025

Opening Night: March 29, 2025

March 21 - April 27, 2025

SAN DIEGO PREMIERE

Performance Days and Times

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday Matinees at 2:00pm

Thursday, Friday and Saturday Evenings at 7:30pm



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Tickets and Subscriptions

Subscriptions for the season range from \$135 to \$297.

Single Tickets are on sale now.

Single tickets range from \$35 to \$60 for plays and \$40 to \$70 for musicals.

About New Village Arts

Celebrating 23 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, comedy, 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.

New Village Arts is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization listed under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS.

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