

# 6thStreetPlayhouse

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## **6th Street Playhouse to Present *West Side Story***

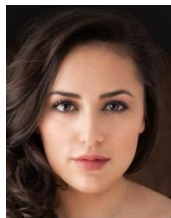
2018-19 Season closes with the musical epic of star-crossed lovers.

SANTA ROSA, CA (May 3, 2019) 6th Street Playhouse to present *West Side Story*, by Arthur Laurents, music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. It is directed by Jared Sakren (*The Comedy of Errors, FairyWorlds!*), music directed by Ginger Beavers (*Guys and Dolls, La Cage aux Folles*) and choreographed by Joseph Favalora (*Guys and Dolls, La Cage aux Folles*).

The musical will run June 7th through the 30th, 2019, in the GK Hardt Theatre. The production concludes the Playhouse's 2018-19 Season.

*West Side Story* is the tale of Romeo and Juliet set loose in epic fashion on the streets of 1950s Manhattan, where two idealistic young lovers are caught between warring street gangs. The legendary score, inspired by jazz, Latin, and classical music, features such treasured songs as "America," "I Feel Pretty," and "Tonight."

**The cast of *West Side Story*** stars national talent with top-level performers Carmen Mitchell (*The Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, Illyria*) as Maria and Jonah Robinson\* (*Grease, Footloose, Fun Home*) as Tony.



Carmen Mitchell as Maria



Jonah Robinson as Tony

The cast also features:

Al Kaplan as Doc; Justin Thomas as Lt. Schrank/Gladhand; Eyan Dean as Officer Krupke; Chris Shayota as Bernardo; Danny Bañales as Pepe; Alex Jiminez as Juano; Benjamin Donner as Chino; Luis Gonzalez as Luis; Denise Elia-Yen as Anita; Marina Maia as Rosalia; Olaya Ciccarelli-Bermudez as Teresita; Mary Diaz as Margarita; Katerina Flores as Consuela; Charlie Whittaker as Francisca; Noah

Sternhill as Action; Brett Mollard as Riff; Ryan Whitlock as Arab; Bennett Parisi as Baby John; Zach Frangos as Snow Baby; Erik Weiss as Diesel; Ariana Millar as Mini; Peri Zoe Yildirim-Stanley as Pauline; Emma LeFever as Anybodys; Sarah Cornett as Velma; Madeline Brown as Graziella; and Montana Hamel as Danielle.

On opening night, June 7th, there will be a reception following the performance where patrons can meet the cast and enjoy complimentary champagne provided by Korbel.

*West Side Story* opens in the GK Hardt Theatre June 7th, 2019 and runs through the 30th, 2019, with performances on:

Friday, June 7th at 7:30pm  
Saturday, June 8th at 7:30pm  
Sunday, June 9th at 2pm  
Friday, June 14th at 7:30pm  
Saturday, June 15th at 2pm & 7:30pm  
Sunday, June 16th at 2pm  
Thursday, June 20th at 7:30pm  
Friday, June 21st at 7:30pm  
Saturday, June 22nd at 2pm & 7:30pm  
Sunday, June 23rd at 2pm  
Thursday, June 27th at 7:30pm  
Friday, June 28th at 7:30pm  
Saturday, June 29th at 2pm & 7:30pm  
Sunday, June 30th at 2pm

*West Side Story* runs approximately 2 hours 30 minutes, with one intermission. Tickets are \$30-\$35, with Under 30 at \$22, and are available at [6thstreetplayhouse.com](http://6thstreetplayhouse.com) or by calling the Box Office at (707) 523-4185 ext. 1

\*This Actor appears through the courtesy of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

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#### About 6th Street Playhouse

In 2004, a new partnership reunited the Santa Rosa Players and Actors Theatre under one board of directors. Together they renovated the 119-year-old Del Monte cannery into the 6th Street Playhouse, which houses a 185-seat main stage (the G.K. Hardt Theatre) and a 99-seat black box (the Studio Theatre).

6th Street Playhouse is a performing arts organization that produces live theatre and provides education programs of the highest quality that engage, delight, and inspire the diverse communities of the North Bay region. 6th Street Playhouse is the central hub of the Sonoma County arts scene. It is known throughout the region for its high level of artistry, professionalism, educational opportunities and the bravery of its approach to works both new and old.

#### Award-Winning

As the most award-winning theatre company in the North Bay Area, 6th Street Playhouse has been named "Best Theatre Troupe" by the North Bay Bohemian readership for the last eight consecutive years, and "Best Local Theatre Company" by the PressDemocrat "Best of Sonoma County" Awards for the last five out of six years.

6th Street Playhouse has received over fifty nominations for excellence in all areas of production from the leading Theatre Arts adjudication organizations in the Bay Area, including the San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle (SFBATCC), Theatre Bay Area (TBA), and Sonoma One Theatre Awards (SOTA).

In 2018, the Playhouse's production of Equus received a five-star rating from the North Bay Bohemian and was named a "Go See!" production by the San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle. In its 2017-18 Season, Equus, Noises Off and Illyria were named Theatre Bay Area recommended productions.