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Theatre Rhinoceros presents:

SCOTUS GAY: A Live-Remote On-Line Reading of a World Premier Play

Written and Directed by the John Fisher April 7, 2020 @ 700pm

One Presentation Only!

Live-Remote Reading: Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm. LIVE on ZOOM – To view, go to www.TheRhino.org at any time to register for the free event. You will be sent a unique link to access the reading @ 645pm on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 Running Time: 30 minutes, no intermission

SYNOPSIS:

SCOTUS* GAY: Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia,

On October 8, 2019 the Supreme Court heard oral arguments about the notorious cases of men and women being fired for sexual orientation. "Will the Supreme Court decide it's ok for workers to be fired for being gay? At issue is a single word in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars discrimination on the basis of 'sex'." (Forbes, 10/24/19) Watch the Supreme Court in action and the story behind the story, based on Court transcripts and the stories behind the case.

In response to the COVID-19 Crisis, this project - a staged reading of a new play about the current Supreme Court battles over "gay firing" - will be presented as a Zoom Event. It will be live, but watched on-line and performed by actors all individually in their remote locations. This is a completely free event.

The show is on-line and accessed through our website www.TheRhino.org

Go to www.TheRhino.org at any time to register for the free event. You will be sent a link with which to access **SCOTUS Gay** on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 @ 645pm. This on-line live performance is free and open to the public.

SCOTUS GAY features Bay Area Actors: **Jeremy Cole**, **Lawrence** Dillon Suzy Jane Edwards, John Fisher*, Rudy Guerrero*, Arya Kamangar, Polly Levi, Lisa McHenry, Dan Strauss, Mary Strauss, and Joe Tally.

*Member, Actors' Equity Association

Tech Credit: John Fisher (Director), Craig Souza (Stage Manager)

Performance Date: April 7, 2020 7pm

To arrange an interview with the director/playwright or any of the actors or for additional info, contact John Fisher jofish94117@yahoo.com or 917-553-7165

BIOS:

JOHN FISHER (Playwright/Director/Actor) recently completed a sixmonth run of his show *A History of World War II* at The Marsh, after playing two runs of the show in Manhattan (United Solo/Theatre Row – Best Actor Award 2017 - and Pangea) and another in Los Angeles (The Broadwater.) He is a two-time winner of the Will Glickman Award, as well as being a recipient of the GLAAD Media Award. His plays include the award-winning *Action Hero*, *Shakespeare Goes to War*, *To Sleep and Dream*, *Combat!* and *Medea*, *the Musical*. His new hit play *Radical* had its extended run terminated by the COVID-19 crisis on March 13, 2020. www.JohnFisher.biz.

THEATRE RHINOCEROS - Founded in 1977, The Rhino is the longest running LGBT theatre in the nation. We develop and produce works of theatre that enlighten, enrich, and explore both the ordinary and the extraordinary aspects of our queer community. Our emphasis

is on new works, works about under-represented members of the larger queer community, and revivals of lesser known queer classics. Over the years Theatre Rhinoceros has received many awards of recognition including: Theatre Rhinoceros Day in the City Proclamation from Mayor Gavin Newsom, State Assembly Certificate of Recognition from Senator Mark Leno, recognitions from Congressperson Nancy Pelosi and Assembly Persons Tom Ammiano and Carole Migden, numerous Cable Car, BATCC and TBA Awards and Nominations, and the GLAAD Media Award for Best LGBT Theatre.