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Theatre Rhinoceros presents a FREE Zoom presentation:

PANDEMIC PERFORMANCES

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021 at 7pm FREE! One Live Performance Only

SYNOPSIS:

The Rhino presents an entertaining evening of short video performances celebrating the creative output of Bay Area's LGBTQ performers during the pandemic. A benefit event for Theatre Rhinoceros. Hosted by Jesús U. Bettawork and Kim Larsen.

<u>FEATURING</u>: Lili Argüello, Tanika Baptiste, Leanne Borghesi, Cookie Cutter, Robby Kendall, Gino Lucas & William Hester, Matthew Martin, Jerry Metzker, Nitrix Oxide, Peaches Christ, Piranha, The Quarantine Singers, Raya Light, Tom Shaw, Stan Stone, Michael Vega & Erin-Kate Whitcomb.

<u>SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY</u>: Lea DeLaria ("Orange is the New Black"), Raphael Mandelman (Our Supervisor!), Marga Gomez ("Spanking Machine"), Danny Scheie ("Rhinoceros" at ACT), and Darryl Stephens (Noah on "Noah's Arc", "Boy Culture")

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BIOS:

JESÚS U. BETTAWORK (Co-Host) Yaaaas! Jesús has performed at a variety of venues throughout the Bay Area and beyond. He is the host of the monthly "The You Betta Work Comedy ¡Fiesta!" (currently on hiatus) at the San Mateo County Pride Center. Jesús's comedy has been described as "literally out of this world!" by his fans on *Uranus*. Get ready for the 100% real-fruit comedy of Jesús U. BettaWork!

KIM LARSEN (Co-Host) Hailing originally from Exeter, Nebraska, Kim is a well-known presence on Bay Area stages. He has performed with such diverse theatre companies as Thrillpeddlers, and Bobrow Presentations. He most recently appeared at Theatre Rhino in *Sister Act* as Mother Superior. Kim is the proprietor of Castro Tour Guide at FOOT Walking Tours and is Publisher of *GayPocket San Francisco*. He is also a longtime member of the Theatre Rhinoceros Board of Directors.

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. <u>Theatre Rhinoceros is unsurpassed in COVID Production, presenting over seventy productions on-line since the pandemic began.</u>

Calendar Editors:

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