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EXTENDED!

Cinnabar's "La Cage" proves so popular it adds another week

PETALUMA, CA – Even before the beloved musical begins its run at Cinnabar Theater, "La Cage aux Folles" has proven so popular that the nonprofit has added another week of performances. Opening on October 18, and originally scheduled to close November 3, this irresistible show has been **extended through November 10**.

This new version of "La Cage aux Folles" has only been seen in London and New York: Cinnabar has the enormous honor of presenting the **West Coast premiere** of the score developed for the recent revival on Broadway and the West End.

"It's no surprise that people are snatching up tickets for this show," said Elly Lichenstein, Cinnabar's esteemed artistic director. "It is such a hoot to rehearse this with our fantastic cast! Not only is 'La Cage' full of **irresistible songs and sassy jokes**, it delivers a wonderful message about the universality of love and family."

The **"New York Times"** says the show is **"Splendiferous! ... an openhearted, old-style, big-time musical...** Harvey Fierstein's sentimental and funny book shrewdly juxtaposes a sense of the outrageous with the oldest, established values of marriage and family."

Yes, you cancan! Cinnabar is transformed into one of France's finest nightclubs for the exuberant show that's earned **11 Tony Awards including Best Musical**. A young man gets engaged, yet he's afraid to bring his fiancée's parents home. Will he hide the fact that he was raised by two men who run a risqué cabaret? Or will love conquer all at "La Cage aux Folles"? Featuring music and lyrics by Jerry Herman, this jubilant show celebrates family in all its forms.

Tickets for "La Cage aux Folles" are \$35 for adults and \$25 for ages 21 and under. Special \$9 seats are available for middle- and high-school students as part of "Friday Night Live," a new theater party for local youth that takes place on October 18. Or score significant savings by seeing "La Cage aux Folles" as part of a Musical Madness ticket package to three shows at Cinnabar.

"La Cage aux Folles" features stage direction by Sheri Lee Miller and music direction by Mary Chun. The designers are David Lear (scenery), Clay David (costumes), and Wayne Hovey (lights). The show is generously underwritten by Karen and Mike Bergin of Bergin Glass with Frank Schomer.

The **15-person cast** showcases Michael Van Why as Albin and Stephen Walsh as Georges alongside Madeleine Ashe (Madame Dindon), Steven Dietz (Monsieur Dindon), Miguel Evangelista (Francis), Elly Lichenstein (Mademoiselle Renaud), Clark Miller (Monsieur Renaud), Valentina Osinski (Jacqueline), James Pelican (Jacob), Kyle Stoner (Jean-Michel), and Audrey Tatum (Anne). The hilarious kickline of Cagelles features J. Anthony Favalora, Jean-Paul Jones, Quinn Monroe, Valentina Osinski, and Zack Turner.

Every year, **Cinnabar Theater** produces a thrilling mix of plays, musicals, operas, and concerts in a remarkable range of genres. Cinnabar's Young Rep offers extensive activities for local youth, and the Cinnabar Singers welcome anyone who wants to be part of a chorus. All these events take place in the iconic red schoolhouse perched atop a grassy hill on the outskirts of Petaluma.

Audiences have flocked to performances in this intimate setting since 1972, when Marvin and Jan Klebe established an arts center for the community. Along with their sons, they transformed a charming 1908 schoolhouse into a jewel-box theater that has hosted successful shows for four decades. Now Cinnabar is presenting another year of lively performances for its loyal audience.

Cinnabar Theater is located at 3333 Petaluma Boulevard North, just off Highway 101 and only minutes from historic downtown Petaluma. There's ample parking up on the hill... and a friendly herd of goats grazing in the neighboring field. For more information, or to purchase tickets, **call 707-763-8920 or visit cinnabartheater.org**.

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Photo caption:

At Cinnabar Theater in Petaluma, Michael Van Why (left) and Stephen Walsh star in "La Cage aux Folles," a jubilant musical that celebrates the importance of love and family. (Photo by Eric Chazankin)

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"LA CAGE AUX FOLLES"

WHO: Cinnabar Theater, the beloved professional theater in Sonoma County

WHAT: Cinnabar is transformed into one of France's finest nightclubs for "La Cage aux Folles," the exuberant show that earned 11 Tony Awards including Best Musical.

Book by Harvey Fierstein / Music and lyrics by Jerry Herman
Based on the play by Jean Poiret
Music direction by Mary Chun / Stage direction by Sheri Lee Miller
Featuring a cast of 15 talented local actors, singers, and dancers

WHERE: Cinnabar Theater, 3333 Petaluma Blvd. North, Petaluma, CA 94952

WHEN: Opens October 18 – **Extended through November 10, 2013!**
Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. / Sundays at 2 p.m.

HOW MUCH: \$9 for middle-school and high-school students (October 18 only)
\$25 for ages 21 and under
\$35 for adults
Significant discounts available as part of a ticket package

TICKETS: 707-763-8920 or www.cinnabartheater.org

Buy online at anytime... or call Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Tickets may also be available at the door, but reservations are recommended!

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