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Cinnabar's *Driving Miss Daisy* takes audiences for a ride

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 – Following five straight shows that extended their engagements, Cinnabar Theater proudly announces its next presentation: *Driving Miss Daisy* begins its run at Sonoma County's beloved professional theater on Friday, **October 17** and is scheduled to close on Sunday, **November 2**. Come for a ride with Cinnabar to see the heartwarming and humorous show that has delighted millions of people around the world.

When an elderly widow crashes her car, her son insists that she hire a driver – and the result is a unique friendship formed across the barriers of class and race. *Driving Miss Daisy* became a huge success on stage and on film. Alfred Uhry's poignant script won the Pulitzer Prize, the Golden Globe, and the Academy Award on its way to becoming an American classic.

"This intimate story is best experienced on an intimate stage," said Artistic Director Elly Lichenstein. "Our jewel-box theater is the perfect venue for this unlikely love story set amid an epic period in our nation's history. We've got a terrific cast and creative team for *Daisy*, and can't wait to share it with our audience."

The talented cast for this show features Cinnabar favorite Laura Jorgensen, Dorian Lockett from *Of Mice & Men*, and popular performer John Browning. The creative team includes Nathan Cummings (director), Wayne Hovey (scenery), and Lisa Eldredge (costumes). *Driving Miss Daisy* is generously underwritten by Dick and Edith Kapash with Frank Schomer.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for ages 21 and under, with special \$9 seats for middle- and high-school students on October 17. Reserve seats online at any time by visiting cinnabartheater.org, or call the box office at 707-763-8920 between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM on weekdays. Tickets may also be available at the door, but reservations are recommended as Cinnabar's shows often sell out.

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: (l to r) Laura Jorgensen and Dorian Lockett star in *Driving Miss Daisy* at Cinnabar Theater in Petaluma. (Photo by Eric Chazankin)

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Driving Miss Daisy

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

WHAT: *Driving Miss Daisy*
Come for a ride with Cinnabar to see the heartwarming and humorous show that has delighted millions of people around the world.

Written by Alfred Uhry / Directed by Nathan Cummings
Starring Laura Jorgensen, Dorian Lockett, and John Browning

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

WHEN: Friday, October 17 @ 8 PM
Saturday, October 18 @ 8 PM
Sunday, October 19 @ 2 PM
Friday, October 24 @ 8 PM
Saturday, October 25 @ 8 PM
Sunday, October 26 @ 2 PM
Saturday, November 1 @ 2 PM
Saturday, November 2 @ 8 PM
Sunday, November 2 @ 2 PM

HOW MUCH: \$9 for junior-high and high-school students (October 17 only)
\$15 for ages 21 and under
\$25 for adults

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