

## **The Vertical Hour**

David Hare

An exploration of how the political can sometimes intersect, collide with and ultimately dismantle the personal. Hare probes ethical and philosophical quandaries that serve not only as dramatic interplay between the three main characters, but, also metaphorically as the basis for several of the arguments concerning the role that America and the West have taken in Iraq, the Middle East and beyond.

*September 23 – October 16, 2011*

## **THE GRAPES OF WRATH**

Based on the novel by John Steinbeck  
Adapted by Frank Galati

A powerful and deeply affecting stage version of one of the masterpieces of American literature. Holding to the simplicity and directness of the original novel, the play uses the sparest of technical means to convey its timeless message of the persistence and strength of the human spirit as it battles against the adversities of nature and an uncaring society.

*May 4, 5, 11, 12, 13 2012*

## **Jacques Brel is Alive and Well & Living in Paris**

Music by Jaques Brel

Additional material by Eric Blau & Mort Shuman

The poignant passionate and profound songs of Belgian songwriter Jacques Brel are brought to vivid theatrical life in this intense musical experience. Brel's legendary romance, humor and moral conviction are evoked simply and directly, resulting in a powerful, intimate, bold and emotional evening of theatre.

*November 18 — December 11, 2011*

## **MY FATHER'S HOUSE**

Ken White

Set in Modesto, this world premier is a fictional account of the last days of local resident Mike Prokes. Prokes was a spokesman for the Jones' People Temple. In 1978 more than 900 followers of Jones died in a mass suicide in their compound in the South American country of Guyana. Prokes, who wasn't there at the time, returns to his hometown to try to come to terms with the course of his life.

*July 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 2012*

## **DINNER**

Moira Buffini

An artist, a scientist and a sexpot are coming to dinner! Buffini serves up a deliciously black satirical comedy on that ever-recurring theme, the dinner party from hell. At Buffini's dinner party, caustic comments fly like poisonous darts across the dinner table, penetrating false personas and leaving a trail of emotional carnage.

*February 3 – February 26, 2012*



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*Paul Tremayne, President  
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## Welcome to the 2011-2012 Season

At the final event of PTP's last season, the Valley's premiere of Greg & Mark Runnels' film *Breakfast With Bukowski*, I was invited to read Bukowski's poem "Roll the Dice."

if you're going to try, go all the way.  
this could mean losing girlfriends,  
wives, relatives, jobs and maybe your mind.

Okay. Check, check, check, check and check. You see, the difficulty of "all the way" lies in knowing where it will finally take you. And recognizing that this destination is, finally, unknowable. How, then, do we as an organization stay true to our vision of theater while simultaneously opening ourselves to unexpected opportunities?

This last season, opportunity presented itself in a perfect storm of artistic integrity and institutional context: PTP's production of *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Gallo Center. Lee's tale is the quintessential expression of the kind of story PTP wants to tell, affirming the power individuals hold to affect change in the world at large. Acting through generosity and empathy can be every bit as resounding as an MK-47. Because our 'bottom line' has always been so modest, we have successfully skirted the need to approach a project primarily because it will generate revenue. Our primary concern is in the story being told. In *Mockingbird*, we were able to tell a story with conviction that was also hugely successful.

I'm not sure if I'm fully expressing it -- I tend to sneak up on topics-- but, there's a tightrope to walk here. Our solution is to remain open to opportunity. It's the philosophy we espouse, so I guess we'd better. We have two productions scheduled for the Gallo Center this year, and it must be said that one of them is a world premiere, so hats off to Gallo for taking a chance with an untested work. The other three will be here at our artistic home. I always present our season to you in the hope that you, too, will find our work challenging, engaging and entertaining. Looking forward to the next leg on the road leading "all the way." Come along with us. I'd sure love to see you at the theater.

With warm regards,  
Jack Souza, Artistic Director

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