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A DOLL'S HOUSE, PART 2

Nora Comes Home

Through a series of unfortunate events, Nora realizes her marriage to Torvold is an existential fraud and matrimony is in reality a prison. She breaks her marriage vows, disowns her wifely duties and goes out into the world to learn how to become a human being. The play ends with the final sound of a door slamming as Nora exits the stage leaving her husband, her home and her three children behind. This may have been the most shocking thing any Victorian audience had ever experienced. Henrik Ibsen's ground breaking masterpiece, "A Doll's House", gave birth to the modern theater in 1879 and left audiences wondering what will happen to Nora Helmer?

Lucas Hnath's 2017 smart, funny and engrossing play is one answer to that old question. In "A Doll's House, Part 2" it is fifteen years later. Nora returns a successful yet scandalous writer. She is being blackmailed and needs Torvold's help, but her abandoned family has grievances they must air first. It is an intense and entertaining meditation on marriage and the high cost of personal fulfillment.

CAST LIST:

Nora..... **Kristin Brownstone**

Torvold..... **Scott Free***

Anne Marie... **Suzanne Sturn**

Emmy..... **Elizabeth Lippa**

*Appears through the courtesy of Actor's Equity Association.

The production is directed by **James Floss**; costume design by **Margaret Heaman**; lighting design by **Theodore M. Dolas**; scenic design by **David Parker**; sound design by **Taylor Wilson**; hair and makeup design by **Meagan Roux**; property design by **Nichol Bryant Stephens**; and stage managed by **Lupita Marisol Rodriguez**.

This event is wheelchair accessible. Individuals requiring other accommodations should contact the ticket office at least one week prior to the event.

DETAILS

WHAT: The Western Stage production of "A Doll's House, Part 2" by Lucas Hnath. A modern answer to the question of whatever happened to Ibsen's Nora Helmer?

WHEN: September 10 through 26. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
Sundays at 2:00 p.m. With a special matinee, Saturday September 18 at 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Studio Theater, K-116 and live-streamed to the Recital Hall, K-125. Hartnell College Performing Arts Center, Building K, 411 Central Avenue, Salinas, California 93901.

INFORMATION AND TICKETS:

*****Audiences are masked & distanced, and must present vaccination card or negative Covid-19 test result to enter the building. In compliance with Artist Equity Association requirements, all patrons seated in the Studio Theater must be fully vaccinated. All other guests will be seated in the Recital Hall for the Live Stream.***

\$26 General Admission; Senior and Military \$24; Children (5-15) \$12; Hartnell Students free w/Hartnell I.D. Other Students w/school I.D. only \$20.

For more information go to westernstage.com or call (831) 755-6816. The Ticket Office is open 5-8 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday and one hour before curtain time at matinees.

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HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT – ESTABLISHED 1920

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