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**CENTER THEATRE GROUP ANNOUNCES FREEPLAY PERFORMANCES
FOR 2019 – 2020 SEASON**

**Program Offers Free Tickets to Theatregoers 25 Years Old and Younger for the
First Preview of All Center Theatre Group Productions at the
Mark Taper Forum and Kirk Douglas Theatre
Plus Select Ahmanson Theatre Shows**

**Tickets Are Free at the Box Office
\$5 Per Ticket Handling Fee Required For Phone or Online Reservations**

Center Theatre Group will continue its **FreePlay** program for the 2019-2020 season. Anyone who is 25 years old or younger will be able to reserve free tickets to the first preview of all Center Theatre Group productions at the Mark Taper Forum and Kirk Douglas Theatre as well as select shows at the Ahmanson Theatre. Reservations are free if made in-person at the box office. There will be a \$5 per ticket handling fee to reserve online at CTGLA.org/FreePlay or over the phone by calling (213) 628-2772.

“Center Theatre Group’s mission focuses on introducing the largest possible audiences, from all across Los Angeles, to theatre,” said Ritchie. “Through programs like FreePlay, we are making a direct effort to welcome new theatregoers by lowering any perceived barriers of our organization or live theatre overall. It’s imperative that we strive to create a more vibrant Los Angeles with a stronger cultural fabric that supports such accessible experiences.”

Reservations will be made available approximately two weeks before the first preview of each available production and may be reserved up until 30 minutes prior to curtain, subject to availability. Patrons are allowed to reserve two FreePlay tickets per performance. Tickets will be distributed at will call on the day of the performance and each person utilizing a FreePlay ticket must be 25 or under with a valid ID. Tickets must be picked up from the box office no less than 30 minutes prior to curtain.

Beginning Wednesday, August 28 reservations will begin for the first three shows of the season: “Latin History for Morons” at the Ahmanson Theatre (first preview

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September 5), “A Play Is a Poem” at the Mark Taper Forum (first preview September 11) and “On Beckett” at the Kirk Douglas Theatre (first preview September 13).

The schedule for currently announced FreePlay performances is as follows:

FreePlay Performance Date:	Production:	Venue:
September 5, 2019	“Latin History for Morons”	Ahmanson Theatre
September 11, 2019	“A Play Is a Poem”	Mark Taper Forum
September 13, 2019	“On Beckett”	Kirk Douglas Theatre
October 23, 2019	“The New One”	Ahmanson Theatre
November 22, 2019	“Jitney”	Mark Taper Forum
January 14, 2020	“What the Constitution Means to Me”	Mark Taper Forum
January 24, 2020	“Until the Flood”	Kirk Douglas Theatre
March 18, 2020	Block Party 2020	Kirk Douglas Theatre
March 25, 2020	“The Antipodes”	Mark Taper Forum
May 29, 2020	“Sakina’s Restaurant”	Kirk Douglas Theatre
July 29, 2020	“King James”	Mark Taper Forum

Center Theatre Group, one of the nation’s preeminent arts and cultural organizations, is Los Angeles’ leading nonprofit theatre company, which, under the leadership of Artistic Director Michael Ritchie, Managing Director Meghan Pressman and Producing Director Douglas C. Baker, programs seasons at the 736-seat Mark Taper Forum and 1600 to 2100-seat Ahmanson Theatre at The Music Center in Downtown Los Angeles, and the 317-seat Kirk Douglas Theatre in Culver City. In addition to presenting and producing the broadest range of theatrical entertainment in the country, Center Theatre Group is one of the nation’s leading producers of ambitious new works through commissions and world premiere productions and a leader in interactive community engagement and education programs that reach across generations, demographics and circumstance to serve Los Angeles.

For more information on FreePlay or to receive notifications when productions become available, please visit CTGLA.org/FreePlay. For general ticket information, please visit CenterTheatreGroup.org, call Audience Services at (213) 628-2772 or in person at the Center Theatre Group Box Office (at the Ahmanson Theatre) or at the Kirk Douglas Theatre box office which opens two hours prior to a performance. The Ahmanson Theatre and the Mark Taper Forum are located at The Music Center, 135 N. Grand Avenue in Downtown L.A. 90012. The Kirk Douglas Theatre is located at 9820 Washington Blvd. in Culver City, CA 90232.

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