

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March – April 2020

**EVENT:** **Block Party 2020: Celebrating Los Angeles Theatre**  
Center Theatre Group's fourth annual Block Party highlights some of the remarkable work being done on other stages throughout Los Angeles by fully producing two previously staged productions.

**First Production:** **"The Art Couple" from Sacred Fools Theater Company**  
By Brendan Hunt  
Directed by Lauren Van Kurin  
**Previews March 18 and 19, 2020. Opens March 20 at 8 p.m.  
Through March 29.**

**"The Art Couple"** is a dramedy about Neil Simon's struggle to break a terrible case of writer's block he is suffering after accepting a huge commission for his completely unwritten third play: "The Odd Couple." Encouraged by a mysterious busboy with a western twang (who also happens to be an aspiring playwright), Simon decides the play should be more than schtick, it should be about art. When he learns that Vincent van Gogh and Paul Gauguin shared an ill-fated cohabitation, he endeavors to write about that real-life (but very odd) couple. Neil and the busboy battle for control of the play in parallel scenes and the odd couples begin to resemble something closer to "True West," building irrevocably to a suitably ridiculous conclusion.

**Second Production:** **"Canyon" from IAMA Theatre Company**  
By Jonathan Caren  
Originally Directed by Whitney White  
Staged for the Kirk Douglas Theatre by Colleen Labella  
**Previews April 8 and 9, 2020. Opens April 10 at 8 p.m.  
Through April 19.**

**"Canyon"** follows Jake and Beth, a seemingly progressive thirty-something married couple, and Eduardo and Rodrigo, a Mexican father and son, who they've hired to renovate a deck. The play explores what happens when ideals and consequences collide and the lives of two families are rocked by an unpredictable accident.

**DATES/TIMES:**     **Preview Performances:** Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m.  
                          **Opening Performances:** Fridays, March 20 and April 10 at 8 p.m.  
                          **Regular Performances:** Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m.;  
                          Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday at 1 and 6:30 p.m.  
                          No Monday performances.

**TICKET INFO:**     **Ticket Prices:** \$30 – \$75 (Ticket prices are subject to change.)  
                          Tickets are available online at [CenterTheatreGroup.org](http://CenterTheatreGroup.org), by calling  
                          Audience Services at (213) 628-2772 or in person at the Center  
                          Theatre Group Box Office (at the Ahmanson Theatre at The Music  
                          Center in downtown Los Angeles) or at the Kirk Douglas Theatre Box  
                          Office two hours prior to performances. A Block Party Party Pass is  
                          available for \$50, which includes a ticket to each production as well  
                          as a complimentary cocktail (or non-alcoholic beverage) at each  
                          performance. The Party Pass is available by phone or in-person now  
                          through March 29. The first Thursday of each show (March 19 and  
                          April 9) are Pay What You Want performances. These Pay What You  
                          Want tickets are available in person only and subject to availability.  
                          **Groups:** (213) 972-7231. **Deaf Community:** Information and charge,  
                          visit [CenterTheatreGroup.org/ACCESS](http://CenterTheatreGroup.org/ACCESS).

**LOCATION:**         Center Theatre Group's **Kirk Douglas Theatre**  
                          9820 Washington Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232  
                          Free three hour covered parking at City Hall with validation  
                          (available in the Kirk Douglas Theatre lobby)

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February 26, 2020