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Save The Date!
**Seattle Rep Hosts *Here Lies Love* Cast and More Special Guests In
First-Ever Virtual Fundraising Celebration,
REVEL + RAISE AT HOME**

This one-of-a-kind, online arts experience is open to all on March 13.

Seattle, WA (February 24, 2021) — Do you miss live theater? Did you miss Seattle Rep's 2017 megahit show *Here Lies Love*, a revolutionary rock musical from music icon David Byrne? Get a taste for the theater you've been missing and experience the incredible reunion of the Seattle Rep *Here Lies Love* cast on March 13 as part of the organization's annual Gala fundraising celebration. Revel + Raise At Home will be Seattle Rep's first-ever virtual Gala, a critical event that raises funds to ensure the theater's strong future and return to the stage in the year ahead. This one-of-a-kind experience is open to all – registration is free with donations encouraged.

In addition to enjoying a performance from Seattle Rep's original *Here Lies Love* cast, Revel + Raise At Home audiences can look forward to witty banter between hosts **Julie Briskman** (*Tiny Beautiful Things*) and **Justin Huertas** (*Lizard Boy*) as they guide audiences through the festivities. In honor of this special evening, beloved artists will revisit past Seattle Rep productions in lively musical performances – these artists include **Keiko Green** (*As You Like It*, *The Great Leap*), **Varinique Davis** (*Twelfth Night*, *As You Like It*), **Shaunyce Omar** (*As You Like It*, *Nina Simone: Four Women*), and **Eric Ankrim** (*Twelfth Night*, *Come From Away*). Plus, **E. Faye Butler** (2012's *Pullman Porter Blues*) will perform a tune from Cheryl L. West's *Fannie*, a play on the horizon at Seattle Rep.

“Seattle Rep's annual Gala fundraiser is such an exciting night for our theater community. While we'll be doing things a bit differently this year to keep everyone safe, that excitement level remains the same — and we expect the turnout to be bigger than ever! With a virtual program, we are able to open this experience to all, and it's a great opportunity for everyone across our region to celebrate and remember what they love about live theater and Seattle Rep. But, it's also an opportunity for us to show the community how we have persevered this past year throughout the pandemic and subsequent shutdown of our theater, and where we are headed — and for our community to come together in support of Seattle Rep's vision for the future,” said Jeffrey Herrmann, Managing Director. “It's our hope that guests will be entertained and inspired to support our work at whatever level is possible for them. Without any shows on stage this season, donations at this event—our largest fundraiser of the year—are critical to helping the theater reopen its doors in the months ahead.”

Donations made during the Revel + Raise At Home annual Seattle Rep Gala fundraiser go directly to supporting the theater's preparations for a successful return to the stage. The organization looks forward to welcoming the community back with shows that exhibit the same extraordinary artistry and high production values that they would expect on the stages, and a patron experience that emphasizes public health and safety for everyone who comes through the theater doors. From contracting artists to rehiring

Patron Services staff and preparing its space for post-pandemic protocols, Seattle Rep needs community support now to ensure a strong return to production in the year ahead.

In addition to the exciting slate of celebratory performances, guests and donors of Revel + Raise will have the opportunity to take part in an Online Auction featuring local and international travel packages, a Canlis dining experience, and much more to be announced March 3. Seattle Rep leadership will broadcast live directly from the Bagley Wright Theater where viewers will see pieces of the *Jitney* set that remain intact and almost frozen in time from the day the theater shut down due to the pandemic. Other participants in the night's entertainment will broadcast live from remote locations, while other pieces of entertainment will be pre-recorded and aired for the very first time during this evening's festivities. Save the date! Register to attend Revel + Raise *At Home* today >> <http://bit.ly/RevelRaise>

FOR EDITOR/PRODUCERS:

WHAT:

Seattle Rep's 2021 Virtual Gala "Revel + Raise *At Home*"

On Saturday, March 13, join us from the comfort of your home for a virtual Gala celebration! Raise your glass while raising funds to ensure Seattle Rep's strong future and return to the stage in the year ahead.

Our entire community can share in this accessible online celebration with free registration for all! Make an impact by making a contribution prior to or during the event.

WHEN:

Saturday, March 13, 2021

6 p.m. PT Optional Cocktail Hour with your Virtual "Table"

7 p.m. PT Program Begins

WHERE:

Online >> seattlerep.org/gala

TICKETS:

FREE Fundraiser! Donations encouraged.

This virtual fundraising event is open to all at no charge – donations at any level make a big difference!

PHOTOS/VIDEO:

Please find available photography [here >>](#)

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ABOUT SEATTLE REP

Seattle Rep puts theater at the heart of public life. Founded in 1963 and winner of the 1990 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre, Seattle Rep is currently led by Artistic Director Braden Abraham and Managing Director Jeffrey Herrmann. Over a season and throughout the year, Seattle Rep collaborates with extraordinary artists to create productions and programs that reflect and elevate the diverse cultures, perspectives, and life experiences of the Pacific Northwest. Seattle Rep's nationally recognized programs include the New Play Program, Seattle Rep's Public Works, the August Wilson Monologue Competition, Pay What You Choose ticketing options, and numerous audience enrichment and engagement opportunities including post-play panels, discussions, and community events and presentations.

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