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LOS ALTOS STAGE OPENS SEASON WITH ARTHUR MILLER'S ICONIC MASTERPIECE

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Los Altos Stage Company embraces its role as the quintessential American playhouse by bringing a central work of the American canon to life: Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*.

Winner of the 1953 Tony Award for Best Play, Miller originally wrote *The Crucible* as an allegory for McCarthyism, cloaked in the story of four young girls who bring a 17th Century Massachusetts hamlet to its knees. Despite its classical setting, *The Crucible* has proved timeless, being adapted for film, television, and even opera. The play received its most recent Broadway revival in 2016, and now more than ever *The Crucible* reminds us that while the targets may change, hysteria, fear-mongering, and scare tactics will always pose a threat to American civility and liberty.

Los Altos Stage Company's production of *The Crucible* is directed by Jeffrey Lo, who returns to LASC following his critically-acclaimed productions of *Dead Man's Cellphone* and *Yellow Face*. Mr. Lo has quickly become one of the most sought-after directors in the Bay Area, having directed recently at the Pear, the Dragon, and Palo Alto Players. He is the winner of the 2014 Leigh Weimers Emerging Artist Award, the 2012 Emerging Artist Laureate by Arts Council Silicon Valley, and the TBA Director's TITAN Award. Los Altos Stage Company is delighted to welcome Mr. Lo back to the LASC family.

The Crucible features a talented cast of Bus Barn stage veterans, as well as several new faces, including Joe Antonicelli, Nicole Apostol Bruno, Michael Champlin, Jeff Clarke, Carolyn Compton, Mat Espinosa, Marjorie Hazeltine, Alexandra Ho, Leslie Ivy, Gary Landis, Maria G. Marquis, Shareen Merriam, Brittany Pisoni, Roneet Aliza Rahamim, Neiry Rojo, Ellie Schwartz, Max Tachis, Damian Vega, and Cameron Wells.

The Crucible plays at the Bus Barn Theater September 7th through October 1st. Performances run Wednesday through Sunday. Wednesday-Saturday performances start at 8pm. Sunday performances start at 3pm. Ticket prices range from \$18 (student) to \$38, including gala opening night tickets with an artists' reception following the performance. Tickets can be purchased online at www.losaltosstage.org or by calling the Box Office at 650-941-0551.

Los Altos Stage Company is a quintessential American neighborhood playhouse, serving Los Altos and the greater South Bay area, and paying tribute to the full canon of American musicals, comedies, and dramas. This 22-year-old theatre company strives to bring together a diversity of theatre enthusiasts, practitioners, and supporters to create, explore, and celebrate the rich tapestry of American culture and experience through live theatre. Los Altos Stage Company produces five to six shows annually at its intimate 99-seat theatre located on the Los Altos Civic Center campus.

If you'd like more information about *The Crucible*, press tickets or to schedule an interview, please contact Executive Artistic Director Gary Landis at Tel: 650-941-0551/Mobile: 415-239-7349, or email Gary at [garylandis@losaltosstage.org](mailto:garylendis@losaltosstage.org).

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Calendar Listing

The Crucible

September 7th - October 1st
Los Altos Stage Company
Bus Barn Theater

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