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California Drought Worsens...Welcome to Urinetown!

LOS ALTOS STAGE COMPANY

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The Los Altos Stage Company's closes its 19th anniversary season with the hilarious musical comedy with the eyebrow-raising title that took Broadway by storm when it opened in 2001. *Urinetown: The Musical* opens May 28 and runs through June 27 at the Bus Barn Theater in Los Altos.

With music and lyrics by Mark Hollmann and book and lyrics by Greg Kotis, the Triple Tony Award-winning *Urinetown* provides a humorous and cynical view of society, sustainability, capitalism and government. The musical tells the story of a futurist Gotham-like city plagued by a 20-year drought. As a result, the government has banned private bathrooms and the citizens must use pay toilets regulated by a monopolistic company. A custodian at the poorest urinal in town decides that enough is enough and, with the help of the townspeople, he leads a rebellion with a surprising ending.

The play was first produced in 1999 when the New York City Fringe Festival was looking for more musicals to add to its lineup. The success of *Urinetown* led to a commercial production, followed by a successful national tour. In 2002, *Urinetown: The Musical* won Tony Awards for Best Director, Best Original Score and Best Book of a Musical.

The Los Altos Stage Company's production is directed by Michael Ryken who most recently directed our hit 2012/2013 production of *Avenue Q*. This production features a talented ensemble of Bus Barn Theater veterans, as well as new faces, including: Michael Cabinlit, Elizabeth Cox, Gabrielle Filloux, Cindy Head, Gary Landis, Leslie Newport, Jerris Ramirez, Mario Rappa, Lewis Rawlinson, Karyn Rondeau, Krista Joy Serpa, Michael Weiland, Dan Wilson, and Todd Wright.

Performances are Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 8 pm and Sunday matinees at 3 pm. Ticket prices range from \$18 (student) to \$36. Opening Night tickets, including a reception with the artists, are \$38. Tickets are

available on-line at www.losaltosstage.org or by calling the Box Office at (650) 941-0551.

The 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 19-year-old theater company strives to bring together a diversity of theater enthusiasts, practitioners, and supporters to create, explore and celebrate the rich tapestry of American culture and experience through live theater. The Los Altos Stage produces five to six shows annually at its intimate 99-seat theater located on the Los Altos Civic Center campus.

If you'd like more information about *Urinetown: The Musical*, press tickets or to schedule an interview, please call Gary Landis, Executive Director at Tel: 650-941-5070/Cell: 415-269-7349 or email Gary at [garylandis@losaltosstage.org](mailto:garylendis@losaltosstage.org).

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Calendar Listing

Urinetown: The Musical
May 28 – June 27, 2015
Los Altos Stage Company
Bus Barn Theater

This hilarious musical comedy with the eyebrow-raising title, took Broadway by storm when it opened in 2001. The winner of three Tony Awards, including Best Musical Score, *Urinetown* is a social satire set in a fictional future where water is so scarce that the government enforces a ban on private toilets. A hero emerges to lead the people in the fight for their basic rights.

Tickets: \$18-\$36
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