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Chilling and Provocative Assassins comes to Los Altos

Los Altos Stage Company's 21st season opens with arguably one of the most controversial Broadway musicals ever written. With music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by John Weidman, *Assassins* opens September 2 (preview performance on September 1) and runs through September 25, 2016 at the Bus Barn Theater in Los Altos.

Winner of five Tony Awards, *Assassins* weaves the intriguing tale of some of the most infamous characters from American history. It investigates the personalities behind nine individuals who attempted to assassinate a President of the United States. *Assassins* is part vaudeville extravaganza, part exposé and wholly electrifying, with an incredible score that reveals uneasy truths about the American Dream. Hugely resonant in today's celebrity-infatuated, gun-obsessed, absurdly polarized society, the story is peopled with desperate characters intent on making their indelible mark.

Assassins premiered off-Broadway in December 1990, selling out all 73 performances without transferring to a larger Broadway house or receiving critical-acclaim, perhaps because the country was on the verge of the Persian Gulf War. In 2001, a Broadway production of *Assassins* was planned by Roundabout Theatre Company and was postponed after Sept. 11th. *Assassins* opened March 31, 2004 on Broadway at Studio 54 by the Roundabout Theatre and ran until July 18, receiving the 2004 Tony for best revival of a musical.

The LASC production of *Assassins* is directed by Lee Ann Payne, a local actor, director and choreographer who previously choreographed Los Altos Stage Company's productions of *Dead Man's Cell Phone*, *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Smokey Joe's Café*. It features a talented ensemble of Bus Barn Theater veterans, as well as new faces, including: Chloe Angst, Philomena Block, Ken Boswell, Chase Campbell, Andy Cooperfauss, Aaron Hurley, Drew Jones, Brittany

Mignano, David Murphy, Brian Palac, Luca Paliska, Jery Rosas, Alea Selburn, Connor Smith, Anthony Stephens, 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 also \$36. Tickets are available 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 21-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. Los Altos Stage Company 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 *Assassins*, press tickets or to schedule an interview, please call Gary Landis, Executive Artistic Director at Tel: 650-941-0551/Cell: 415-269-7349 or email Gary at [garylandis@losaltosstage.org](mailto:garylendis@losaltosstage.org).

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Calendar Listing

Assassins

Sept. 1 – Sept.25, 2016

Los Altos Stage Company

Bus Barn Theater

Maybe the most controversial Broadway musical ever written, *Assassins* aims to thrill and doesn't miss. The great genius of contemporary musical theater -- the creator of *Sweeney Todd*, *Into the Woods* and *Company* -- Stephen Sondheim leads audiences on a tuneful revue of presidential assassins and would-be killers, from John Wilkes Booth to John Hinckley. This darkly comic journey takes the form of a carnival game, where the sounds of each era accompany riveting portrayals of history's most impassioned and deranged. Thought-provoking and darkly delightful, *Assassins* won five Tony Awards in its first revival on Broadway.

Tickets: \$18-\$36

On the Web: <http://www.losaltosstage.org>

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