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**WARM, EMPATHETIC, AND SMART:
CIRCLE MIRROR TRANSFORMATION COMES
TO LOS ALTOS STAGE COMPANY**

Los Altos Stage Company continues its 2016-2017 season with Annie Baker's *Circle Mirror Transformation*, opening November 18th (with a preview performance November 17th) and running until December 11th at the Bus Barn Theater in Los Altos.

Winner of the 2010 Obie Award for Best New American Play, *Circle Mirror Transformation* traces the journey of five New Englanders as they make their way through a six-week-long adult acting class in a small Vermont town. Couched in the language of harmless theater games, hearts are quietly torn apart, and tiny wars of epic proportions are waged and won. The audience is invited to observe a beautifully crafted microcosm where, with hilarious detail and clarity, the antic sadness of a motley quintet is revealed.

The New York Times calls *Circle Mirror Transformation* "... the kind of unheralded gem that sends people into the streets babbling and bright-eyed with the desire to spread the word." Variety says the play is "orchestrated with a subtlety and unfailing naturalness..." and the Village Voice notes that *Circle Mirror Transformation* "Reverberates with seduction and sorrow."

Annie Baker is one of the most prominent new playwrights in America, whose work has been captivating the theater world for the last decade. In addition to *Circle Mirror Transformation*, Ms. Baker has written *Body Awareness*, *The Aliens*, (which shared the 2010 Obie Award with *CMT*) *The Flick*, (which captured the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for Drama) and *John*. Ms Baker's latest work, *The Antipodes*, will premiere at the Signature Theater Company in April, 2017.

Los Altos Stage Company's production of *Circle Mirror Transformation* is directed by Virginia Drake, acclaimed director of many previous LASC productions, including *Man of La Mancha*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, *On Golden Pond*, and *Doubt*. The production features Kristin Brownstone, Gary Landis, Judith Miller, Brittany Pisoni, and Damian Vega.

Performances for *Circle Mirror Transformation* run Wednesday through Saturday evening at 8pm, and Sundays at 3pm. Ticket prices range from \$18 (student) to \$36. Opening night tickets, including a reception with the artists, are also \$36. 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 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 *Circle Mirror Transformation*, 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

CIRCLE MIRROR TRANSFORMATION

November 17 – December 11, 2016

Los Altos Stage Company

Bus Barn Theater

In an artsy small town, an unlikely collection of strangers sign up for Marty's "Adult Creative Drama" class: a recently divorced carpenter, a high school junior, a former actress, and Marty's husband. Unfolding like a charmingly funny indie film, the group plays Marty's imaginative (and sometimes awkward) theater games. But as their relationships develop over the course of the summer, the seemingly silly games generate some real-life drama. This delightful comedy from new playwright Annie Baker landed on Top Ten lists of The New York Times and The New Yorker for 2010.

Tickets: \$18-\$36

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

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