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ARGONAUTIKA SETS SAIL WITH THREE EPIC EVENTS – INCLUDING “30 BELOW”
Berkeley Rep launches a new party for theatre-lovers in their twenties

OCTOBER 8, 2007 – Berkeley Repertory Theatre's production of *Argonautika* sets sail on November 2 with the maiden voyage of 30 Below, a new party specifically for theatre-lovers in their twenties. It's only the first of three larger-than-life events during the run of this exhilarating new show from Tony Award-winner **Mary Zimmerman**. Then the adventure continues over the next two weeks with the Berkeley Rep Book Club and night/OUT, an evening for the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender community.

“Berkeley Rep may be turning 40 this year, but our audience seems to be getting younger,” says **Susan Medak**, the Theatre's managing director. “In recent years, we've been attracting a new generation to the Theatre – largely due to our half-price tickets for folks under 30. So this party seemed like a natural way to celebrate and thank them.”

Here's the scoop:

- At 8:00 PM on Friday, November 2, Berkeley Rep launches **30 Below** – where people in their twenties can party like gods after a performance of *Argonautika*. The event features live music from a hot local band, fantastic food from Leah Zonis Catering, gorgeous blossoms from Darling Flower Shop, and free drinks from Raymond Vineyards and Triple Rock Brewery. Tickets for 30 Below start at only \$13.50 for anyone under 30 years old. That's a better deal than popcorn and a movie!
- Then at 8:00 PM on Thursday, November 8, it's **night/OUT**, the latest in a series of epic post-show parties for the LGBT community. This wildly popular evening begins with a viewing of *Argonautika* and continues late into the night. The party features gourmet hors d'oeuvres from Venus Restaurant, dance music from a cutting-edge DJ, beautiful bouquets from Darling Flower Shop, and complimentary drinks from Raymond Vineyards and Triple Rock Brewery. As Gay.com says, “Meet new friends or find theatre mates for life in a comfortable, friendly environment.”
- Finally, at 6:30 PM on Friday, November 16, the **Berkeley Rep Book Club** ventures into the unknown with a spirited discussion of Joseph Campbell's *Myths to Live By*. You don't have to see the show to attend, but the text has been selected to deepen your appreciation of the play. The Book Club gathers in Berkeley Rep's rehearsal hall, around the corner from the Theatre at 2081 Center Street. Please read the book before attending, and RSVP to 510.647.2916 or bookclub@berkeleyrep.org.

Get on board! **Argonautika** is based on *The Voyage of Jason and the Argonauts* – and it's the latest hit from the creator of *Metamorphoses* and *The Notebooks of Leonardo da Vinci*. Zimmerman joins Jason on his ancient quest for the Golden Fleece – a journey of love and loss, hubris and honor, danger and adventure. Jason confronts giants, kings, sirens, nymphs, centaurs, sea monsters, and one treacherously heartsick sorceress. In her latest perilous voyage, Zimmerman shows us that love is the bane of all mankind – and yet it's all that we know of heaven on this earth.

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Argonautika made its world premiere at Lookingglass Theatre Company, and enjoys its West Coast debut at Berkeley Rep. A co-production with the McCarter Theatre Center and The Shakespeare Theatre Company, *Argonautika* will travel to Princeton and Washington, DC in 2008. See it in Berkeley before it sails for the East Coast!

Argonautika begins previews on November 2, opens on November 7, and runs through December 16. It's presented in **Berkeley Rep's Roda Theatre** at 2015 Addison Street, one block from Berkeley's downtown BART station and close to AC Transit bus lines.

In honor of its birthday, Berkeley Rep has introduced **new prices** that invite everyone to celebrate. Tickets to *quake* start as low as \$27 – with discounts available for students, seniors, and anyone under 30. Seats are even more affordable as part of a multi-play subscription package. For tickets or information, call 510.647.2949 or 888-4-BRT-Tix (toll-free) – or simply click berkeleyrep.org.

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ATTENTION, CALENDAR EDITORS:

WHO: Anyone in their twenties
WHAT: **30 Below**, a performance of *Argonautika* followed by a post-show party
WHERE: Berkeley Rep's Roda Theatre
2015 Addison Street @ Shattuck / Downtown Berkeley
WHEN: Friday 11/2 @ 8:00 PM
HOW MUCH: \$13.50 – \$18.50 for anyone under 30 years of age
INFO & TIX: 510.647.2949 or berkeleyrep.org

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WHO: Theatre-lovers in the LGBT community
WHAT: **night/OUT**, a performance of *Argonautika* followed by a post-show party
WHERE: Berkeley Rep's Roda Theatre
2015 Addison Street @ Shattuck / Downtown Berkeley
WHEN: Thursday 11/8 @ 8:00 PM
HOW MUCH: \$18.50 – \$55, discounts available for seniors, students, and anyone under 30
INFO & TIX: 510.647.2949 or berkeleyrep.org

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WHO: Literary and theatre aficionados of all ages
WHAT: The **Berkeley Rep Book Club** discusses Joseph Campbell's *Myths to Live By*
WHERE: Berkeley Rep's rehearsal hall
2018 Center Street @ Shattuck / Downtown Berkeley
WHEN: Friday 11/16 @ 6:30 PM
HOW MUCH: Free
INFO & TIX: 510.647.2916 or email bookclub@berkeleyrep.org

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