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BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE EXTENDS AUBERGINE
Seven Performances Added – Now Playing Through March 27

February 22, 2016- Due to an overwhelming positive response from critics and audiences alike, Berkeley Rep has announced the new play, Aubergine, will extend for an additional week. Originally scheduled to close on March 20, the critically acclaimed play will run through March 27.

Starting today, tickets for the added seven performances can be purchased online at berkeleyrep.org, and starting Tuesday at noon, by phone at (510) 647-2949.

Critics have been praising Aubergine:

- “Sweet, savory and uncommonly nourishing, “Aubergine” at Berkeley Repertory Theatre is a theatrical banquet from start to finish. You’ll laugh, often. You’ll cry, maybe more than once. But most of all, you’ll probably feel fully engrossed in the people, ideas and language of playwright Julia Cho…. A combination of theatrical ingredients so fulfilling that a standing ovation is in order. My compliments to all of the chefs.” – San Francisco Chronicle

- “Tenderly directed by Tony Taccone…. ‘Aubergine’ is a thoughtful new drama that satisfies the need for theater that grapples with the core of what it means to be human. It’s an unmistakably fulfilling theatrical experience.” – Bay Area News Group

- “The play is sad, funny, insightful and deeply moving. It’s a beautiful piece of writing that has become a powerful theatrical experience directed with a strong, sensitive hand by Tony Taccone and performed by a cast that seems to fully appreciate the play’s quiet impact…. Aubergine is a quietly stunning experience. It is as heartbreaking as it is life affirming, an exquisite meal prepared with superior skill and served with love.” – Theater Dogs

Aubergine, is the story of an estranged son, his ill father, a visiting uncle carrying their memories in tow, a woman without an appetite, and a refugee from a forgotten country. These characters proved potent ingredients in this bittersweet and moving meditation on family, forgiveness, and the things that nourish us. When language fails, when the past fades, the perfect meal transcends time and culture and says more than words ever can.

The cast for Aubergine includes Safiya Fredericks (Diane), Tyrone Mitchell Henderson (Lucien), Tim Kang (Ray), Jennifer Lim (Cornelia), Jennifer McGeorge (Hospital Worker), Sab Shimono (Ray’s father) and Joseph Yang (Ray’s uncle).

The creative team includes Wilson Chin (scenic designer), Linda Cho (costume designer), Jiyoun Chang (lighting designer), Rob Milburn & Michael Bodeen (composition/sound design), Aaron Rhyne (projection designer), Madeleine Oldham (dramaturg), Leslie M. Radin (stage manager), and Amy Potozkin (casting).
FACT SHEET

AUBERGINE

WHO: Written by Julia Cho
Directed by Tony Taccone
Commissioned by Berkeley Rep and developed in The Ground Floor: Berkeley Rep’s Center for the Creation and Development of New Work.

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WHERE: Berkeley Repertory Theatre
Peet’s Theatre, 2025 Addison Street @ Shattuck, Berkeley, CA

WHEN: Seven performances added – must close Sunday, March 27

- Wednesday, March 23 @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, March 24 @ 8:00PM
- Friday, March 25 @ 8:00 PM
- Saturday, March 26 @ 2:00PM and 8:00PM
- Sunday, March 27 @ 2:00PM and 7:00PM

Special Events:
FREE docent events: Docent talks before Tuesday and Thursday evening performances and discussions after all matinees.

HOW MUCH: Premium: $61–99 · Section A: $48–73 · Section B: $35–60 (subject to change)
TIX & INFO: 510 647-2949 – berkeleyrep.org Discounts: Half-price tickets available for anyone under 30 years of age; $10 discount for students and seniors one hour before curtain; Groups of 10 or more, email groups@berkeleyrep.org

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