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MEMORIAL SERVICE HONORING ANGELA PATON TO BE HELD AT BERKELEY REP
Theatre to host tribute of beloved actress

June 27, 2016 — Berkeley Rep today announced it will host a memorial service honoring actress and director Angela Paton on Monday, July 11 at 7pm. Paton, who passed away in May, appeared in numerous Berkeley Rep productions, including memorable turns as Mary in Long Day’s Journey into Night and the cantankerous mother in The Beauty Queen of Leenane. She had a long and successful career in the Bay Area dating back to the 1960s as a principal actor at American Conservatory Theater and she was the founder and artistic director of the Berkeley Stage Company from 1974 to 1984.

“Angie Paton was one of the Bay Area’s most pre-eminent actors,” says Michael Leibert Artistic Director Tony Taccone. “She was part of the regional theatre revolution, and we take this opportunity to celebrate her brilliance as a performer, a director, and human being.”

Wendy Goldsby, Paton’s daughter, adds, “We regret to announce that Angela passed away on May 26 following a long struggle with a series of health issues. We are deeply grateful to Berkeley Rep for hosting this memorial service in her honor. She was an active voice in the Bay Area theatre community and had a long history with Berkeley Rep, dating back to the first years of the Theatre. She was a talented actress, devoted wife, loving mother, and caring grandmother who will be greatly missed.”

The memorial service is open to the public and will feature highlights from Paton’s esteemed career, as well as various speakers and performers from the theatre community. The service will be held in Berkeley Rep’s Peet’s Theatre at 2025 Addison Street.

ABOUT BERKELEY REP

Berkeley Repertory Theatre has grown from a storefront stage to an international leader in innovative theatre. Known for its core values of imagination and excellence, as well as its educated and adventurous audience, the nonprofit has provided a welcoming home for emerging and established artists since 1968. In four decades, four million people have enjoyed nearly 400 shows at Berkeley Rep. These shows have gone on to win five Tony Awards, seven Obie Awards, nine Drama Desk Awards, one Grammy Award, and many other honors. In recognition of its place on the national stage, Berkeley Rep received the Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre in 1997. Its bustling facilities – which include the 400-seat Peet’s Theatre, the 600-seat Roda Theatre, the Berkeley Rep School of Theatre, the Osher Studio, and a spacious new campus in West Berkeley – are helping revitalize a renowned city. Learn more at berkeleyrep.org

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