



6thStreetPlayhouse

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6th Street Playhouse Presents Thrilling Epic Adventure!

SANTA ROSA, CA (September 2016) 6th Street Playhouse to present Jack London's famous parable and adventure story ***The Call of The Wild*** as part of its "**Jack London Festival of the Arts**", **Sept. 9-25.**

Buck the big dog gets kidnapped and sold to people in a cold country who only want his muscle and his suffering. Then he hears the howling wolves. What would you do?

Jack London's "Call of the Wild" stands tall as an American metaphor for what we will never be, and what we could be, and what we will be. Buck, the hundred and forty pound dog, gets, quite literally, sold up the river from an idyllic dog's life in sunny California into a cold, dark, Alaskan slavery, is beaten, overworked, starved and neglected, until in a narrow escape from an icy death, a woodsman takes him in, granting him healing and freedom and friendship. But Buck hears the sounds of wolves in the snow and, drawn to them by unseen forces, follows the call. He leaves death and suffering behind and embraces the romantic and beautiful uncertainty of his freedom, with only the starlight and the aurora as his witness.

Author/Performer Bethel writes: "We are all Buck the dog, and we all long for the call of the wild, and may we all find our way through the cold dark that surrounds us, like Buck."

Published in 1903 and set in Yukon, Canada during the 1890s Klondike Gold Rush, Jack London's most famous adventure/allegory is brought vividly to life by nationally-renowned solo performance artist Charlie Bethel. Join us for the WORLD PREMIERE of ***The Call of The Wild*** in the Studio Theatre at 6th Street Playhouse. Running time: approximately 90 minutes.

As part of the "Jack London Festival of the Arts" THE CALL OF THE WILD opens in the Studio Theatre at 6th Street Playhouse in Santa Rosa on SEPTEMBER 10th at 11am and 2pm, and performs Sunday, Sept. 11th at 7pm, Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2pm, Sunday Sept. 18 at 7pm, Saturday Sept. 24 at 11am, and Sunday Sept. 25 at 7pm. Additional weekday matinees may be scheduled for school groups at times to be arranged.

ABOUT THE ARTIST: **Charlie Bethel** is an actor/writer based in Minneapolis. Theaters: Trinity Rep, Trinity Ensemble, Cape May Stage, Utah Shakespeare Festival, North Carolina Shakespeare Festival, Illinois Shakespeare Festival, Econo-Art Theater Company, Red Bones, Next Theater Company, Apple Tree, The Jungle Theater, The Children's Theatre Company, Hey City Stage, Minnesota Opera, Opera Memphis, and CalibanCo. He wrote his one-man "Beowulf" in Chicago in the 90's. After about 7 years rehearsing, the show premiered at the Jungle Theater in Minneapolis in October of 2001. Since then it has played various venues: Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences (Charleston, WV), Raven Theater (Chicago), Cincinnati Playhouse, and a couple of Fringe Festivals, and Joseph Campbell's Centenary Celebration at the Esalen Institute (Big Sur, CA). Charlie also has toured nationally performing his one-man adaptation of Homer's "The Odyssey". A native Southerner, Charlie is a graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts, the South Carolina Governor's School, and he comes from a long line of talkers.

Ticket prices: Adults - \$15; Youth/Children - \$10. Call the Box Office at 707-523-4185 x1. Group Rates for ten or more tickets, call at 707-523-4185 x1

Additional offerings performed by Charlie Bethel that are available to be booked at your school during the month of September:

BEOWULF

The mother of all monster-tales comes to life in this remarkable solo performance. The tale of a man who kills monsters, becomes king and ultimately dies in battle with a dragon. Nationally-acclaimed solo artist Charlie Bethel reanimates this usually dusty English lit staple and restores it to a rollicking, bloody and brash morality poem that is as fresh today as the day it was created. (Running time: approx. 1 hour)

THE ODYSSEY, by Homer

Shipwrecks, sirens, and mythical creatures meet adventure, magic, and revenge!
Acclaimed solo artist Charlie Bethel (*Beowulf*) re-imagines Homer's famous epic story in a faithful yet accessible format for those who slept through Greek Lit. Voyage across land and sea, through the underworld, to the top of Mt. Olympus with the brave and courageous hero Odysseus, as he valiantly seeks his homeland and the arms of his wife and child. Don't miss this thrilling epic adventure, suitable for most audiences. (Running time: approx. 2 hours)