



# CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY

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## **CAST ANNOUNCED FOR SAN DIEGO PREMIERE OF** **ALAN BENNETT'S *THE HISTORY BOYS***

SAN DIEGO, CA – Cygnet Theatre presents the San Diego premiere of the Tony Award-winning play ***The History Boys*** by Alan Bennett. The production will be helmed by Artistic Director Sean Murray. *The History Boys* runs **February 19 through March 29, 2009** on Cygnet Theatre's Old Town Stage. **Press Opening is February 28 at 8pm.**

The 2006 Tony Award for Best Play went to this comedy/drama about a bunch of bright, funny boys in a British boarding school who are, as such boys will be, in pursuit of sex, sport, and acceptance at a good university—generally in that order. In their efforts, they are helped by a maverick history teacher who seeks to broaden their horizons in sometimes unorthodox ways, and by a young teacher who questions the methods, as well as the aim, of their schooling. Alan Bennett raises, with gentle wit, universal questions about the nature of history, how it is taught and questions the purpose of education today.

The cast features Resident Artist Tom Stephenson (*Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, The Invention of Love, My Fair Lady*) as Hector, Bryan Bertone as Dakin, Jacob Caltrider (*A Christmas Carol*) as Timms, Jillian Frost as Mrs. Lintott, Patrick Kelly (*Fences*) as Akthar, Kevin Koppman-Gue as Scripps, Sean LaRocca as Lockwood, Brian Mackey as Irwin, Eric Poppic as the Headmaster, Dail Richard as Crowther, Bobby Schiefer as Rudge, and Tom Zohar (*The Little Foxes*) as Posner.

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The production team includes director Sean Murray as director, assistant director Katie Rodda, scenic designer Andrew Hull, lighting designer Eric Lotze, sound designer Matt Lescault-Wood, properties designer Bonnie L. Durben, costume designer Shirley Pierson and stage manager Stanley D. Cohen.

Performances of ***The History Boys*** are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm and 7pm on Cygnet's Old Town Stage located at 4040 Twiggs St., Ste N, San Diego, CA 92110. Tickets are \$17 - \$46. Discounts are available for seniors, students and military. There are no Wednesday performances during previews.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting Cygnet's website at **[www.cygnettheatre.com](http://www.cygnettheatre.com)** or calling the box office at **619-337-1525**. Tickets can also be purchased in person by visiting Cygnet's main box office located at the Old Town Theatre.

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*Cygnet Theatre Company is a 501(k) non-profit organization founded in 2002 by Artistic Director Sean Murray and Executive Director Bill Schmidt. In 2003, Cygnet renovated a storefront at 6663 El Cajon Blvd in the Rolando area into a 157-seat theatre. Cygnet has received over 40 awards and grown to one of the most highly regarded theatre companies in the San Diego area. In December 2007, Cygnet was awarded a 10-year lease by State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Concessions and Reservations Division of the Old Town Theatre. Located in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, the 248-seat venue was renovated during the summer and fall of 2008 and re-opened in November.*

# CYGNET THEATRE FACT SHEET

## *THE HISTORY BOYS*

**WHAT:** Cygnet Theatre Company presents *The History Boys*.

**WHERE:** Cygnet Theatre – Old Town Stage  
4040 Twigg St., San Diego, CA 92110

**WHO:** Written by Alan Bennett

Director: Sean Murray  
Scenic Design: Andrew Hull  
Lighting Design: Eric Lotze  
Properties Design: Bonnie L. Durben

Assistant Director: Katie Rodda  
Costume Design: Shirley Pierson  
Sound Design: Matt Lescault-Wood  
Stage Manager: Stanley D. Cohen

**CAST:** Bryan Bertone (Dakin)  
Jacob Caltrider (Timms)  
Jillian Frost (Mrs. Dorothy Lintott)  
Patrick Kelly (Akthar)  
Kevin Koppman-Gue (Scripps)  
Sean LaRocca (Lockwood)  
Brian Mackey (Irwin)  
Eric Poppick\* (Headmaster)  
Dail Richard (Crowther)  
Bobby Schiefer (Rudge)  
Tom Stephenson (Hector)  
Tom Zohar (Posner)

**DATES:** Previews begin: Thursday, February 19, 2009  
Press Opening: Saturday, February 24, 2009  
Closes: Sunday, February 22, 2009

### PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday through Saturday at 8:00pm.  
Sunday at 2:00pm and 7:00pm.

**PRICES:** Range from \$17-\$46  
Previews: \$27(Section A) / \$17(Section B)  
Wednesday and Sunday Evenings: \$38(Section A) / \$28(Section B)  
Thursday, Friday Evenings and Sunday Matinees: \$40(Section A) / \$30(Section B)  
Saturday Evenings: \$42(Section A) / \$32(Section B)  
Opening Night: \$46(Section A) / \$36(Section B)  
*Discounts are available for children, seniors, students, active-duty military and groups*

**HOW:** Phone: (619) 337-1525  
Online: [www.cygnettheatre.com](http://www.cygnettheatre.com)  
In Person: Old Town Theatre - 4040 Twigg St., San Diego, CA 92110

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