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CIRCUS UNDER THE STARS

**At the University of San Diego,
Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice**

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

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SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

ACT I

5:30 - 7:00 pm

CIRCUS UNDER THE STARS RECEPTION

Garden of the Sea

Hosted Bar and Hors d'Oeuvres, Silent Auction, Opportunity Drawing, Wine Pull, Photo Booth, Tarot Card Readings, Fern Street Circus Entertainment

ACT II

7:00 – 9:00 pm

DINNER AND A SHOW

Ballroom

Welcome, Entertainment, Dinner, Live Auction, Artist Advocacy, Entertainment



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Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, all funds raised this evening will go directly towards Cygnet's artistic and community engagement programming.

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Molli Wagner

Dinner

April Blankfort

Entertainment

Larry & Sydney Cousins

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Reception

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Auctioneer

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Cygnature Cocktail

Adrian Jaffer & Ann Laddon

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Wine

Alexandra Pearson & Paul Meschler

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Fern Street Circus Entertainment

Robin J. Lipman

Program

Dr. Blaine Hibbard, Leonard Hirsch & Barbara Hoffer

Artists at the Table

Jan Bart, Mark Bennett, Dr. & Mrs. Edgar D. Canada, Larry & Sydney Cousins
Susan & Barry Graceman, Dr. Ronald & Susan Heller, Jean and Gordon Kelly
Harvey and Helen Miller, Charles & Ilene Mittman, Jordine Von Wantoch



CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF CYGNET

It all began around a kitchen table. A small group of dedicated people came together, inspired to tell stories that startle the soul and ignite debate.

The community response - your response - from that small beginning has been tremendous. Cygnet Theatre has grown into one of San Diego's leading theatre companies, known for producing adventurous, entertaining and thought-provoking live professional theatre. We've moved from a 146-seat theatre in Rolando to a 246-seat home in Old Town. Our first annual budget was \$200,000. It is now \$3 Million.

And the love and support from our extended Cygnet family? Well, that's grown beyond anything we could have imagined. In the last fifteen years we've learned to push boundaries, explore the new, and stay relentlessly passionate. The past fifteen years have been so good to us - we can't wait to see what the next fifteen have in store.

And we're going to do it together. Thank you for being here tonight, you know we couldn't do it without you.

Gratefully,

Sean Bill

WELCOME TO CYGNET GALA 2018

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SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

HONORARY CHAIR

MOLLI WAGNER

HONORARY COMMITTEE

Jan Bart	Wendy Nash
April Blankfort	Arthur & Marilyn Neumann
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Adrian Jaffer & Ann Laddon	Pamela Wagner & Hans Tegebo
Tom Karlo	Christy White
Jean and Gordon Kelly	Rick & Ginny Wisley
Robin J. Lipman	Barbara Zell & Bill McHarg, Jr.

Believing in the power of theatre to startle the soul, ingite debate and embrace the diversity of the community in which it serves, Cygnet Theatre Company is fearlessly committed to the dissection, examination and celebration of the human story through the medium of live theatre.

HONORARY CHAIR MOLLI WAGNER



Photo by Rachel Esther Tate

We are thrilled that Molli is our Gala Honorary Chair for 2018. She and her husband Arthur were with us at Cygnet's founding, offering sage insight and inspiration. Their constant support has helped Cygnet become the innovative theatre arts leader that it is today.

We know that every opening night will indeed sparkle because Molli is there!

On behalf of Cygnet Theatre **THANK YOU!**

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Christy White

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Entertainment Director
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Music Director
Patrick Marion

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Mark Danisovszky, Nathan Hubbard

Performing Artists
Marc Caro-Wilcox, Sarah Errington, Hector Isaac Flores,
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Amy Perkins, Katie Sapper, Michael Cusimano, Kevane La'Marr Coleman,
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LIVE AUCTION



1 - Dinner with Entertainment by Michael and Donny Value - \$2,500

Enjoy an exquisite dinner for eight prepared by former food critic Dr. Lynne Thrope at her El Cajon hilltop home with entertainment provided by the talented duo of Michael Cusimano and Donny Gersonde.



2 - Broadway Bound Value - \$2,300

Head to the Big Apple to catch some of the world's hottest theatre. This package includes roundtrip airfare for two on JetBlue, four nights at a Times Square Hotel, two tickets to a Broadway Show, and two premium tickets to any Bedlam production!



3 - A Night with Sean and Bill Value - Priceless

Enjoy an exquisite five-course dinner for ten prepared by Cygnet's multi-talented Artistic Director Sean Murray and Executive Director Bill Schmidt. You'll be dining al fresco on an ocean-view deck in Del Mar while Sean prepares something fantastic and Bill stirs up a Cygneture drink just for you!



4 - Holland America Cruise Value - \$2,800

Embark on a luxurious seven-day cruise to Alaska, New England and Canada, the Caribbean or Mexico. This package for two includes an Ocean View Stateroom, extraordinary dining, elegant surroundings and pampering by an award winning crew.



5 - Dinner on Stage Value - \$3,500

Grab your coconuts and join King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table for dinner on the Cygnet Stage! Includes a cocktail hour and dinner for eight guests with members of the Spamalot Cast. Available dates are July 24, July 30 or July 31.



6 - America's Cup Racing Yacht Value - \$2,875

Sail San Diego Bay on an authentic America's Cup racing yacht! Be part of an interactive and exciting sailing adventure with the crew of one of the fastest and most famous sailboats in the world. Located at the Kona Kai Resort & Marina on Shelter Island San Diego, Stars & Stripes USA-11 is a completely refurbished yacht that competed in the 1992 America's Cup. Includes complimentary beer, wine, water, soft drinks, and snacks during and after your sail.

SEASON 15 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS BY THE NUMBERS



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Free In-School Workshops

So far this season, Cygnet has brought free in-school workshops to more than **700** San Diego County middle and high school students.

Free Student Matinees

So far this season, **562** students attended free Student Matinee performances of *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*, *The Legend of Georgia McBride*, *A Christmas Carol* and *The Last Wife*.

EMERGING ARTISTS

Cygnet provided **5** San Diego State University graduate students with Jeffrey and Sheila Lipinsky Fellowships. Fellows design sets, sound, lights and costumes for Cygnet.

Cygnet provided professional acting opportunities to **2** recent graduates of University of North Carolina School of the Arts Spencer Bang and Chelsea Polk.



CYGNET SERVES

Blue Star Theatre

As a Blue Star Theatre, Cygnet offers deeply discounted **\$20** tickets to military personnel, veterans, and their families, year round.

Tickets for Troops

So far this season Cygnet has provided over **400** free ticket vouchers to active military, veterans and their family members.

Community Performances & Workshops

So far this season Cygnet has provided **14** free performances and **14** free workshops to active military members, veterans and their family members.

NEW PLAYS

Cygnet provided **3** playwrights (one local) the opportunity to workshop a play through the Bill and Judy Garrett Finish Line Commission.



HOW TO MOBILE BID

- You'll receive a text message with a link to the auction.
- Tap the link to open in your phone's web browser.
- Scroll down to view all packages. You can also tap the menu bar ≡ to browse package categories, see items without bids, and track items you're bidding on or that you've favorited.
- Tap on an item to get a preview. You can quick bid the next increment, or tap bid more to make a higher bid.
- Tap details below the box to read more about the package.
- If you're not ready to bid, but want to "watch" an item, click the star to add it to your favorites.
- Tap the home icon to go back to the top of the package listing.

If you didn't get a text with a link:

- Go to cygnet2018.ggo.bid and use your bidder number to log in.
- Follow the same steps as above.

WELCOME TO CYGNET GALA 2018 CIRCUS UNDER THE STARS SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT CYGNET THEATRE!

Wine Pull

Grab some delicious deals at our Wine Pull! Each pull costs **\$25** and there are some steals available like an Alexander-Smith 2013 Syrah valued at **\$55!** Look for the Wine Pull station near the main entrance.

Opportunity Drawing

Purchase five Opportunity Drawing tickets for **\$20** and pick from three fabulous prizes. Look for Cygnet Artists selling tickets or head to the Opportunity Drawing table in the Silent Auction area.

Silent Auction

Win fabulous packages from our expansive Silent Auction. Bid on your smart phone or find an auction concierge to assist you.

Live Auction

Our Live Auction features many once in a lifetime opportunities that you won't want to miss. Raise your bidder number on the back of your program to place your bid.

Artist Advocacy Paddle Raise

There will be an opportunity to make a special, tax-deductible gift to support Cygnet Theatre following the live auction.

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SEASON XVI

SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY

MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT
EVERY BRILLIANT THING

HIR

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

MARIE AND ROSETTA

ANGELS IN AMERICA:
A GAY FANTASIA ON
NATIONAL THEMES
PART 1 & 2

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TIER1 - \$25 for a play and \$35 for a musical

TIER2 - \$35 for a play and \$45 for a musical

TIER3 - \$45 for a play and \$55 for a musical

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619-337-1525 or visit **www.cygnettheatre.com**.

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All gifts made during the paddle raise are 100% tax deductible!

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In appreciation of their support, Artist Advocates and Producers Circle members receive special benefits and unique opportunities to connect with Cygnet Artists.



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