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CYGNET THEATRE ANNOUNCES THE CAST AND CREATIVE TEAM OF THE DARKLY COMEDIC THRILLER *SHARON*

***Playwright Keiko Green's Second World Premiere of 2023
Performances Begin June 7***

SAN DIEGO, CA - Cygnet Theatre is pleased to announce the cast and creative team of ***Sharon*** by **Keiko Green**. This darkly comedic world premiere is directed by **Rob Lutfy** and runs **June 7 - July 2** at Cygnet Theatre in Old Town. Opening Night for media is Saturday, **June 10** at 7:00 PM. Tickets and information are available at CygnetTheatre.com.

Not all is as it seems in this hilarious and Hitchcockian story that makes you question...well, everything. Sharon and Jakey are a loving mother and son, running the crumbling apartment building in Everett, WA that's been in the family for generations, repainting the walls as the tenants move in and out. Or are they...? Soon we start to realize that perhaps this family is not what they seem. Over the course of a very tense dinner, the story unfolds and power switches hands. We finally get to the bottom of this comedic thriller, asking the questions: What does survival look like? And who the f*ck is Sharon!?

"*Sharon* is technically a play about gentrification, power imbalances, about growing up in a toxic home — but it was driven by the question: 'What will we do to survive?'" said playwright **Keiko Green**. "The show is a darkly comedic psychological thriller. It is rooted in emotional twists and turns that will hopefully stun audiences with an unforgettable final scene that flips back and forth between hilarious and unnerving."

In addition to penning the script, Green will also step into the role of Tina. She'll be acting alongside her real-life husband **MJ Sieber** who plays Gregg. The titular role of Sharon is played by **Deanna Driscoll**. The cast is rounded out by **Rafael Goldstein** as Jake and **Katherine Peña** as Sabrina.

In addition to direction by **Rob Lutfy**, the creative team for Cygnet's production of *Sharon* includes scenic design by **Yi-Chien Lee**, lighting design by **Bryan Ealey**, sound design by **Steven Leffue**, props design by **Alyssa Kane**, costume design by **Zoë Trautmann**, casting by **Kian Kline-Chilton**, and stage management by **Dean Remington**.

The World Premiere of *Sharon* received its first reading in 2021 through the Bill and Judy Garrett Finish Line Commission.

Tickets for *Sharon* are on sale now and may be purchased in person at the box office located at 4040 Twiggs Street in San Diego Old Town Historic State Park, by calling 619-337-1525 or by visiting cygnettheatre.com. Regular ticket prices start at \$32.

About Keiko Green:

Keiko Green is a playwright, screenwriter, and performer based in Los Angeles and Seattle. She is a recent graduate of UC San Diego's MFA Playwriting program. She was last seen at Cygnet in "The Great Leap" as Connie, a role that she also originated at the Denver Center and Seattle Rep. Favorite past shows include: *As You Like It* (Seattle Rep), *Stupid F-ing Bird* (ACT Theatre), *Much Ado About Nothing* (Seattle Shakespeare). Her original plays have been developed and/or produced by the O'Neill National Playwrights Conference, the Kennedy Center, National New Play Network, the Old Globe, ACT Theatre, Seattle Repertory Theatre, and Playwrights Realm, among others. She is the 2023 resident playwright at OC's Chance Theatre and holds commissions from ACT Theatre and the Old Globe. As a screenwriter, she wrote on Hulu's upcoming "Interior Chinatown."

Cygnet Theatre Company produces a year-round season of professional Off-Broadway-style theatre as well as thought-provoking and engaging educational programming. Cygnet is committed to maintaining high standards of artistic and fiscal integrity, and serves more than 40,000 patrons annually from San Diego and beyond. Cygnet performs its mainstage productions at the state-of-the-art theatre in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. An active member of the San Diego community, Cygnet has outreach programs serving tens of thousands of students and community members annually. For more information, visit www.cygnettheatre.com.

SHARON FACT SHEET

WHAT:

Cygnet Theatre presents *Sharon* by Keiko Green

WHERE:

Cygnet Theatre

4040 Twiggs St. in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park

WHO:

Director: Rob Lutfy[°]
Scenic Designer: Yi-Chien Lee
Costume Designer: Zoë Trautmann
Lighting Designer: Bryan Ealey
Sound Designer: Steven Leffue
Props Designer: Alyssa Kane
Stage Manager: Dean Remmington*[°]
Casting: Kian Kline-Chilton

CAST:

Deanna Driscoll*: Sharon
Rafael Goldstein*: Jake
Keiko Green: Tina
Katherine Peña: Sabrina
MJ Seiber*: Gregg

*Member of Actors Equity Association, [°]Resident Artist

DATES:

Previews begin: Wednesday, June 7, 7:00 PM
Press Opening: Saturday, June 10, 7:00 PM
Closes: Sunday, July 2, 2:00 PM

Beginning with Sharon, Cygnet Theatre's new regular showtimes will be the following:

Wednesday - Saturday at 7:00 PM
Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 PM

PRICE:

Prices start at \$32 with discounts for preview performances, student and military.

HOW:

Phone: (619) 337-1525
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