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### **Sunnyvale Community Players**

is proud to present

### ***Songs for a New World***

**SUNNYVALE, CA (September 21, 2022)** - Sunnyvale Community Players (SCP) continues our 54th season with ***Songs for a New World***. This contemporary song cycle weaves characters and history together, illuminating the timelessness of self-discovery. The first musical from Tony Award winner, Jason Robert Brown (*Parade*, *Bridges of Madison County*), this moving collection of powerful songs examines life, love and the choices that we make. Brown transports his audience from the deck of a 1492 Spanish sailing ship to a ledge, 57 stories above Fifth Avenue, to meet a startling array of characters that range from a young man who has determined that basketball is his ticket out of the ghetto to a woman whose dream of marrying rich nabs her the man of her dreams... and a soulless marriage. SCP is thrilled to welcome back director Erica Wyman, who directed *Big Fish* last season. And we are excited to be working for the first time with Vocal and Music Director Christopher Hewitt. Under their direction, our stellar cast of Bay Area A-list singers will show how amazing stories can be told through song in just a few minutes. "*Songs for a New World* is a contemporary song cycle about the moment of decision, the point at which you transition from old to new. Each song is a powerful experience that takes us to that moment in life where suddenly everything changes. And then surviving in a new world" said Kevin Surace, Artistic Director. "Given war, viruses and politics dividing people, this musical seems more relevant today than ever as we find our way in this strange new world. The show's director, Erica Wyman, brings decades of experience to the stage to bring home this poignant and emotional work from Jason Robert Brown. This will impact you when you see it."

*Songs for a New World* opens on Saturday, October 29, 2022, and runs through Sunday, November 13, 2022. Running time is approximately 2 hours, plus intermission. Ticket prices are \$44 for adults and \$38 for seniors (60+) and students (plus service charge). Tickets are available online at [www.sunnyvaleplayers.org](http://www.sunnyvaleplayers.org) or through the box office at (408) 475-1198.

Director: Erica Wyman  
Vocal and Music Director: Christopher Hewitt  
Producers: Kevin Surace and Peter Wallack

The creative team includes direction by Erica Wyman, vocal and music direction by Christopher Hewitt, scenic design by Kevin Davies, digital scenic projections by Zach Nelson, costume design by Jo-Ann Birdsall and Phyllis Schmit, stage management by Karen S. Leonard, lighting

design by Ed Hunter, sound design by Dan Holland, and hair and make-up design by Kyra Kazantzis.

The cast of ***Songs for a New World***:

Ande Estrella

Ryan Liu

Hayley Lovgren

Daniel Lloyd Pias

Hayley Steele

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### **Production Credits for *Songs for a New World*:**

Music and Lyrics by Jason Robert Brown

Originally Produced by the WPA Theatre, New York City, 1995  
(Kyle Renick, Artistic Director)

Original Orchestration by Brian Besterman and Jason Robert Brown

Songs for a New World is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.  
[www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)

### **About Sunnyvale Community Players**

Established in 1969, Sunnyvale Community Players is a 501c(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the performing arts in Silicon Valley. For the past 54 years, SCP has maintained an open-door policy, welcoming volunteers of all ages to participate in its programs as cast members, production staff, board members, and more. SCP has been especially focused on enriching the lives of children and teens through participation in the performing arts. Many of its current board members and tech crew volunteers grew up with SCP or are parents of children for whom SCP played a central role in their lives. SCP is supported in part by the City of Sunnyvale, Department of Library and Community Services.

### **COVID-19 SAFETY INFORMATION**

Sunnyvale Community Players requires that patrons wear masks at all times while inside the theater during performances. However, we do not require proof of vaccination. By purchasing a ticket patrons agree to adhere to all safety protocols including a requirement to remain masked while they are inside the theater. The actors will not wear masks while performing.