



FACT SHEET

The New Los Angeles Repertory Company production of

Eisenhower: This Piece of Ground

CAST

PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER	JOHN RUBINSTEIN*
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There are no understudies for this production.

CREATIVE TEAM

PLAYWRIGHT	RICHARD HELLESEN
DIRECTOR	PETER ELLENSTEIN
SET DESIGNER	MICHAEL DEEGAN
LIGHTING DESIGNER	ESQUIRE JAUCHEM
PROJECTION AND SOUND DESIGNER	JOE HUPPERT
COSTUME CONSULTANT	SARAH G. CONLY
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	JOE HUPPERT
PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR	KAREN L. CARPENTER*
GENERAL MANAGEMENT	LDK PRODUCTIONS - LISA DOZIER SHACKET
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER	MIRANDA LEE

* Member Actors' Equity Association

Previews: **September 27, 2024**

Invited Press Opening: **Saturday, September 28 at 8:00 PM**

Runs through October 27, 2024

Regular performances are Wednesday - Saturday at 7:30 PM and matinees on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday at 1:30 PM. There is no Wednesday matinee on October 9. There are no evening performances on Wednesdays, October 2 and 23.

There will be a **sign-interpreted performance on Thursday, October 10 at 7:30 PM** and an **audio-described performance for the blind and visually impaired on Wednesday, October 9 at 7:30 PM**. Audience members who wish to use these services should contact Weldon Brown, Director of Sales and Audience Experience (wbrown@olneytheatre.org) to confirm.

Tickets are available from \$45 - 101 and can be purchased at olneytheatre.org/eisenhower or 301-924-3400. Discounts available for groups, seniors, military and students.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

OPENING NIGHT CONVERSATION

Saturday, September 28, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: Mulitz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab Tickets: \$10 / free for members

Livestreamed on Olney Theatre's Facebook and YouTube pages

Olney Theatre's Artistic Director is joined by *Eisenhower* playwright Richard Helleesen and director Peter Ellenstein to discuss the process of bringing a towering figure of the 20th Century to the stage.

THE RANKING OF AMERICAN PRESIDENTS

Sunday, October 6, 3:00 pm

Location: Mulitz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab

Why is Abraham Lincoln often considered the "best" American president? Why is Herbert Hoover the worst? And where does Eisenhower fit in?

Join us for an engaging discussion exploring lesser-known and widely-recognized facts about American presidents and their place in American history. Featuring insights from James Mann, author and journalist (and participant in the CSPAN Presidential Ratings); David Karol, Associate Professor of Government and Politics at UMD; and Tony Award winner John Rubinstein.

COMMUNITY EVENTS (CONTINUED)

BOOK CLUB: "IKE'S BLUFF"

Title: "Ike's Bluff: President Eisenhower's Secret Battle to Save the World"

By Evan Thomas

Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 pm

Location: Mulitz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab Tickets: free with RSVP to attend the discussion

Join the Olney Theatre Artistic Department staff to discuss "Ike's Bluff" in conjunction with our current production of *Eisenhower: This Piece of Ground*.

It's as easy as reading the book and signing up to join the discussion. You can purchase a copy through Friends of the Library's store on bookshop.org. A substantial portion of each sale benefits Friends of the Library Montgomery County in support of Montgomery County Public Libraries. There are also three copies available in the MCPL system, along with the e-book and Audio Book.

PROMOTE THE VOTE

Sunday, October 13, 3:00 pm

Community event to promote voting and registration.

Meet our Community Partner:

Yellow Roses

The Yellow Roses is an organization that empowers young people to participate in their democracy, even if they are too young to vote. Since 2020, The Yellow Roses have been organizing community events that bring together families for service learning projects, non-partisan "get out the vote" events, social justice story times, and local park clean-ups.

MUSICAL THEATRE AUDITION CLASS WITH JOHN RUBINSTEIN

Monday, October 14th, 6:30 pm

Location: Mulitz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab Tickets: \$10

If you're a young theatre professional who is looking to build up your audition skills to get that call back, then join us at Olney Theatre Center on October 14 to watch a master at work. John Rubinstein is a multi-award winning actor and director, most notably originating the role of Pippin on Broadway. In this special one-time opportunity, you will observe John Rubinstein work with a pre-selected group of professionals on their musical theatre audition technique while also sharing his incredible advice, experience, and insight with the whole group. This masterclass is a fantastic opportunity for committed young adults ages 16 and up who are aiming to make performance their primary profession.

ABOUT OLNEY THEATRE CENTER

Mission

Olney Theatre Center for the Arts produces and curates theatrical performance for the diverse audiences in our community, and educates, learns from, supports and inspires a more inclusive generation of theater-makers.

Vision

We strive to become an arts and culture powerhouse, redefining the American regional theater movement by cultivating and sharing the creativity of our community.

History

Founded in 1938 as a summer playhouse, Olney Theatre Center (OTC) now produces world and American premieres of plays and musicals, and reimaginations of familiar titles year-round; presents the work of leading companies and artists; tours nationally and locally; teaches students of all ages; and mentors a more inclusive generation of theatremakers. For more than 8 decades, OTC has brought impactful theater performance and education to our community, helping to grow the vibrancy and vitality of our home in the Washington, DC region.

Over the years, some of the biggest names in theater and film have appeared on our stages, including Tallulah Bankhead, Helen Hayes, Jessica Tandy, Hume Cronyn, Bob Fosse, Phillip Bosco, Eve Arden, Eva Gabor, Burl Ives, Jose Ferrer, Carol Channing, Olivia d'Havilland, Tony Randall, Paulette Goddard, Dorothy and Lillian Gish, Jane Seymour, Anne Revere, Frances Sternhagen, Arthur Treacher, James Broderick, Olympia Dukakis, Sir Ian McKellen, Marica Gay Harden, John Colicos, Uzo Aduba, Alan Cumming, Cheyenne Jackson, Robin de Jesus, Wilson Jermaine Heredia, among many, many others.

Olney Theatre is now the cultural anchor of a rapidly changing region and serves one of the most diverse, best educated, and wealthiest counties in the country. Situated on the unceded land of the Piscataway-Conoy people, the Olney area was once a rural farming community with a unique Quaker heritage. Now the area is occupied by every kind of family that makes up 21st Century America, along with major corporations, shopping districts, civic associations, non profit organizations and a diverse collection of houses of worship. Montgomery County's 1 million residents play a dynamic role in the Baltimore-Washington corridor, and are a driving force behind the region's creative economy.

As of September 2021, Olney Theatre Center employed 40 full time staff, 20 part-time positions, 26 early career apprentices and players, and more than 400 professional artists. The Theatre intends to continue expanding to better meet the needs of our community.

For more information, please visit olneytheatre.org/history

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