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# Berkeley Playhouse

## A Program of the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts

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### **Berkeley Playhouse to Bring Singin' In the Rain to the Julia Morgan Center Stage** Family-Friendly Playhouse Productions Continue to Set Attendance Records & Draw Critical Acclaim





BERKELEY, CA - Berkeley Playhouse will present ***Singin' in the Rain*** as the second piece in its 2009-2010 season in March.

Considered by many to be the gold standard in movie musicals, Berkeley Playhouse makes a splash with an exciting stage adaptation. ***Singin' in the Rain*** takes audiences into the magic of a 1920s Hollywood Soundstage where cinema gave the American imagination a vivid new language for dreaming big dreams.

Chris Black's innovative and award winning choreography re-thinks the classic steps of tap, jazz, and trademark moves of the period to give us a fresh look at something familiar. Smith's production transports the audience to the behind-the-scenes world of movie making in "Old Hollywood" (or "Hollywoodland").

According to Smith, "This is a character-driven comedy with high stakes, big egos, unforgettable tunes, and unbeatable dance routines. And when it comes time to sing and dance in a rainstorm, you won't believe how classic Hollywood will seduce your imagination to make illusion come to life!"

Jerry R. Foust, Producing Artistic Director/Managing Director of the Playhouse, added, "Scenic designer Kim Tolman has produced a set that utilizes the historic architecture of the 100-year-old Julia Morgan Center, and transforms the entire building--from sidewalk to lobby to seating to stage--into an 1920s soundstage." This realization for the show is in keeping with Founding Artistic Director Elizabeth McKoy's desire to make Berkeley Playhouse shows engaging and educational for the audience from the time they step onto the curb at the theatre.

Musical direction for "Rain" is by Robbie Cowan.

Tickets are on-sale now at the Berkeley Playhouse website. Some shows are expected to sell-out. All seats are reserved.

THE DETAILS

- **"Singin' In the Rain"**
- Opens: March 7, 2010
- Closes: March 21, 2010
- Shows: Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday; Some Thursdays.  
Check website for Student Rush and Pay-What-You-Can Nights
- Julia Morgan Center for the Arts (2640 College Avenue, Berkeley)
- Tickets: [www.berkeleyplayhouse.org](http://www.berkeleyplayhouse.org)

Berkeley Playhouse continues to set new attendance records with its brand of high-quality, family-friendly music theatre. More information about Berkeley Playhouse and the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts (located at 2640 College Avenue) may be found at [www.berkeleyplayhouse.org](http://www.berkeleyplayhouse.org)

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The mission of The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts is to foster the development of an artistic community where children and youth create, experience and are transformed by the performing arts. Berkeley Playhouse, a program of The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, provides children and families with unique music theatre experiences. From classes and workshops to youth company performances to professional mainstage shows, Berkeley Playhouse provides something for everyone - from age 2 to 102. Beginning in 2009-2010, Berkeley Playhouse will make its permanent performance home at the Julia Morgan Center stage.



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