

# el teatro campesino

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## JOIN EL TEATRO CAMPESINO FOR OUR 2017 SEASON

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, CA: [APRIL 12TH, 2017] El Teatro Campesino's 2017 Season will bring with it five productions, including a world premiere by Diane Rodriguez, an ETC resident artist's first full length play and the return of long standing holiday traditions. ETC's season will explore the theme of struggles: past social/political struggles, grappling with internal battles, and fighting the overwhelming urge to give up when all hope is lost.

### **The Sweetheart Deal** (May 4 – June 4) *The Los Angeles Theatre Center*

Written and directed by Obie Award-winning Diane Rodriguez and presented by the Latino Theater Company in association with El Teatro Campesino. It is 1970 and the world for Latinos is rapidly changing. With Cesar Chavez leading the largest Chicano social movement of the century, farmworkers and their families are struggling to survive. In **THE SWEETHEART DEAL**, we find the young couple Mari and Will leaving everything behind to volunteer for the United Farm Workers union working for the underground newspaper, *El Malcriado*. In the midst of this tumultuous moment in American history, our couple finds themselves torn between family loyalties and the demands of upholding a struggling union, asking themselves what sacrifices must they make to be the change they want to see?

### **PIERNAS: The Story Between Our Legs** (May 20 - June 4) *ETC Playhouse*

Written and directed by resident artist Cristal Gonzalez. A Chicana journalist returns home to confront a family secret, only to find her family tangled in the daily struggle of their own traumas. Once again stuck in the cycle of silence, Cecilia must decide whether her truth is still worth speaking in the face of family discord, or if the time to settle the past has passed. **PIERNAS: THE STORY BETWEEN OUR LEGS** is the story of resilience and struggle faced by all families. Preview performance on May 19th. (Recommended for Ages 14 & Up. ADVISORY: strong language & themes) Group rates available for 10 or more. For group bookings contact: Louisa Munoz 831.623.2444.

### **Viva La Causa: A Teatro Retrospective** (September 2017) *ETC Playhouse*

Last summer's new teatro experience is back and more timely than ever. **VIVA LA CAUSA** transforms the ETC Playhouse into an underground auction house where everything must go. Audiences travel from room to room as historical teatro memorabilia summon spontaneous performances of classic teatro works to highlight the cultural, political and social struggles from the past and present. A taste of teatro for all the generations. Currently booking student groups! Contact Emily Morales at emily\_mmorales@outlook.com for more info.

### **Dia de los Muertos** (November 3-5 & Free Outdoor Procession on Nov. 4 & 5) *ETC Playhouse*

Our annual celebration kicks off on the playhouse stage with special live music and dance performances by Watsonville Folkloric dance group **ESPERANZA DEL VALLE** November 3-5. Join our Free **STREET PROCESSION** on November 4 & 5 beginning at our playhouse parking lot and making its way through our historic town. The weekend celebration promises to be full of music, laughs and spiritual offerings. And don't miss our **COMMUNITY ALTAR EXHIBIT** featuring beautiful altars commemorating the life of loved ones passed on. To inquire about Dia De Los Muertos participation and/or altar spaces please contact: gonzalezcris1987@gmail.com

### **La Pastorela** (November 24 – December 19) *Old Mission San Juan Bautista*

This bi-annual pageant returns to Mission San Juan Bautista as ETC's longest running tradition. **LA PASTORELA** is a musical retelling of the trek of the shepherds to Bethlehem to visit the Holy Child after a sign from the Angel of the Lord, but not before they find themselves beset along the way by the demonic followers of Luzbel. This pageant vibrates with stirring action, vivid color, and robust humor-all set to glorious live music and dance-throughout the mission basilica.