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## CENTER REP ANNOUNCES THE BAY AREA PREMIERE OF ***A WEEKEND WITH PABLO PICASSO***

Starring Culture Clash's Herbert Siguenza as Pablo Picasso  
Directed by Todd Salovey

Walnut Creek, CA, August 24, 2011 -- Center REPeritory Company is proud to present: ***A Weekend with Pablo Picasso***, October 21 through November 19, 2011. Written and starring **Herbert Siguenza** and directed by **Todd Salovey**, *A Weekend with Pablo Picasso* is the second production of Center REP's 45<sup>th</sup> subscription season. Press Night is Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. *A Weekend with Pablo Picasso* is made possible by the generous support of the Bay Area News Group, Chevron, and The Diablo Regional Arts Association.

"Six paintings in one weekend! - who does he think I am, Dali?" No, he's Pablo Picasso, the most astonishingly prolific and influential artist of the 20th century. Now comes a new portrait of Picasso from famed writer, actor and painter Herbert Siguenza, of the nationally renowned comedy troupe Culture Clash. Acting the irrepressible Picasso with "boundless energy, exuberance and humor," Siguenza takes us inside the mind - and paint brush - of the man who changed how we look at the world.

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**HERBERT SIGUENZA** (Pablo Picasso, Playwright) Siguenza is a founding member of Culture Clash, who recently marked their 26th anniversary as the most prominent Chicano/Latino performance troupe in the country. Their work has been produced by the nation's leading regional theatres including the Mark Taper Forum, Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, and the Goodman Theatre, among others. Along with partners Richard Montoya and Ric Salinas, Siguenza has performed and/or co-written: *The Mission, A Bowl of Beings, S.O.S.-Comedy for These Urgent Times, Unplugged, Capra Clash, Radio Mambo: Culture Clash Invades Miami, Bordertown, The Birds, Nuyorican Stories, Anthology, Mission Magic Mystery Tour, Anthems: Culture Clash in the District, Chavez Ravine, Senior Discretion Himself, Culture Clash in AmeriCCa, Zorro in Hell, Water & Power, and Peace and Palestine New Mexico*. Herbert has a BFA in printmaking from the California College of Arts, Oakland. He has exhibited nationally and internationally. He is currently teaching and directing at UC Irvine and is a mayor-appointed Commissioner for the city of Los Angeles.

**TODD SALOVEY** (Director) directed the San Diego Repertory Theatre's workshop production of *A Weekend With Pablo Picasso*. Mr. Salovey is in his 21st season as the San Diego Repertory Theatre's Associate Artistic Director. He has directed many acclaimed San Diego Repertory Theatre shows including *The Road to Mecca*, *Doubt*, *The Blessing of a Broken Heart*, which he also adapted, *Brooklyn Boy*, the world premiere of Yehuda Hyman's *The Mad Dancers*, *Hamlet* starring Jefferson Mays, *Uncle Vanya* and *Death of a Salesman* starring Michael Genovese, Edward Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, *King Lear*, *The Illusion*, *Uncle Vanya*, *The Dybbuk*, *The Imaginary Invalid*, *Three Hotels*, and *A Christmas Carol*. His San Diego Repertory Theatre productions have won numerous local and regional critical awards. He is on the acting faculty at the University of California, San Diego, where he has directed *Six Characters in Search of an Author* and *Stage Door*. Mr. Salovey is the artistic director of the Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival, which commissions new work exploring Jewish traditions in contemporary artistic forms. Todd has served as producer, and/or casting director for many San Diego Repertory Theatre shows including those directed by Luis Valdez, Anne Bogart, Irene Fornes, Randal Myler, and San Francisco Mime Troupe.

**Center REpertory Company**, the resident professional theatre company of the **Leshner Center for the Arts** (LCA), will be celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> Subscription Season of high-quality theatrical productions during 2011-2012. **Center REpertory Company's mission is to celebrate the power of the human imagination by producing emotionally engaging, intellectually involving, and visually astonishing live theatre and, through our outreach and education programs, to enrich and advance the cultural life of the communities we serve.**

### **FREE AT THE CENTER!**

**Director's Night.** Join Center REP's Artistic Director, Michael Butler, for an engaging discussion of the evening's performance. Michael often enlists some of the show's designers to add their perspectives to this always lively dialogue.

**Teacher's Night Out.** Center REP hosts area teachers from elementary schools, middle schools, high schools and colleges for a night out at the theatre! This is a great way to honor teachers. By participating in the Director's Pre-Show discussion and then enjoying the performance, teachers are provided tools to broaden their students' understanding of live theatre. Call 925-295-1420 and press 1 for more information or to reserve a ticket.



**WHO:** Written and Performed by **Herbert Siguenza**  
Directed by **Todd Salovey**

**WHAT:** *A Weekend with Pablo Picasso* a Bay Area premiere based on Pablo Picasso, the most astonishingly prolific and influential artist of the 20th century.

**WHERE:** **Center REPeritory Company**  
Lesher Center for the Arts  
Lesher Stage  
1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek

**WHEN:**

FRIDAY- OCTOBER 21, 8:00PM  
SATURDAY – OCTOBER 22, 8:00PM  
SUNDAY- OCTOBER 23, 2:30PM

TUESDAY – OCTOBER 25, 7:30PM  
WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 26, 7:30PM  
THURSDAY - OCTOBER 27, 8:00PM  
FRIDAY - OCTOBER 28, 8:00PM  
SATURDAY - OCTOBER 29, 8:00PM  
SUNDAY - OCTOBER 30, 2:30PM

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 2, 7:30PM  
THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 3, 8:00PM  
FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 4, 8:00PM  
SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 5, 8:00PM  
SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 6, 2:30PM

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 9, 7:30PM  
THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 10, 8:00PM  
FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 11, 8:00PM  
SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 12, 8:00PM  
SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 13, 2:30PM

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 16, 7:30PM  
THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 17, 8:00PM  
FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 18, 8:00PM  
**SATURDAY - CLOSING - NOVEMBER 19, 2:30PM, 8:00PM**

**HOW MUCH:** \$38-\$43

**PHOTOS:** [http://www.centerrep.org/season1112/about\\_photos/about\\_picasso\\_photos.php](http://www.centerrep.org/season1112/about_photos/about_picasso_photos.php)

**TICKET INFO:** (925)943-SHOW (7469) – [www.centerrep.org](http://www.centerrep.org)