

FIRST PEEK

Saturday, June 27, 2026

5:00 PM – Modern Errors by Victor Lesniewski
Directed by Wayne T. Carr

Victor has a distant relative who was Pope. So, he's writing a play about Pope Pius X, and about the actor playing the role of Pope Pius X, and about Victor writing the play about Pope Pius X, who was Victor's distant relative.

At least Victor thinks he was. No, yes he was. Maybe.

Cast: PIUS / DANIEL / VICTOR - Bernard White; RAFAEL / JUAN - Paul Culos; ANNA / LEX - Jennifer Laks;
Stage Directions - Anja Racic

Special Thanks to Deb Hiatt and Cece Tio

8:00 PM – THE NEXT BEST THING by Matt Hoverman
Directed by Neel Keller

A comedy about the battle between an outspoken, inappropriate grandmother and the “kinder, gentler” AI android duplicate her family builds to replace her when she dies. Should we embrace what’s difficult about the people we love – or remember only the Next Best Thing?

Cast: HOPE - Daisy Hoverman; SAGE - Tamika Katon-Donnegal; JOHN - Peter James Smith; JO - Jane Kaczmarek;
The NBT/HARRIET - Amy Scribner; STAGE DIRECTIONS - Trevor VanAuken

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Sunday, June 28, 2026

3:00 PM – The Most Dangerous JEW in Los Angeles by Alex Goldberg
Directed by Emily Chase

The shocking and (almost completely) true story of Leon L. Lewis who created a spy ring to infiltrate Nazi organizations in L.A. in the 1930s.

Cast: LEON L. LEWIS - Mather Zickel; CHIEF DAVIS / LOUIS B. MAYER / HERMAN SCHWINN / RALPH ANDERSON - JD Cullum; DOROTHY O'HALLORAN / RUTH LEWIS / WAITRESS / SYLVIA COMFORT - Jen Drohan; GEORG GYSSLING / JOHN SCHMIDT / CHARLIE CHAPLIN - Daniel Dorr; STAGE DIRECTIONS - Catia Ojeda

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6:30 PM – MORE LIKE PHIL by Steve Serpas
Directed by Dana Schwartz

When a retired art professor's beloved humanoid, Phil, is repossessed for missed payments, his attempts to get his friend back begin to cost him his life's work, his dignity, and, eventually, his humanity. A near-future dark comedy about love, legacy, and nanobots. Premium model.

Cast: TOM - Jeffrey Johnson; PHIL / LARRY / OFFICER - Justin Huen; ARLO / PHIL 2 / SECURITY GUARD / ADAM / PRISONER TWO - Robert Paterno; CONNOR / BRYCE / REVEREND MIKE - Hutchins Foster; DASHA / GWEN / PRISONER ONE - Cherish Monique Duke; EMILIA / DR. MONA / LAYLA - Jill Remez;
STAGE DIRECTIONS - Dana Schwartz

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Festival Producer: Cece Tio | Festival Stage Manager: Andy Hilbrands

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the Playwrights Union

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PLAYWRIGHTS

Sean Abley
Brianna Barrett
Jennifer Berry
Jami Brandli
Wayne T. Carr
Bernardo Cubría
Kevin Douglas
Jeanette D. Farr
Minita Gandhi
Alex Goldberg
Lisa Kenner Grissom
Christina Ham
Deb Hiett
Matt Hoverman
Levi Jelks
Julianne Jigour
Jon Kern
David Johann Kim
Victor Lesniewski
Jennifer Maisel
Priya Mohanty
Tira Palmquist
Eric Rudnick
Vasanti Saxena
Steve Serpas
Juan Francisco Villa
Jennie Webb
Wendy Weiner
Ashley Rose Wellman
Marlow Wyatt

PRODUCER

Cece Tio

ALUMNI

Eva Anderson
Terence Anthony
Carrie Barrett
Mickey Birnbaum
Deron Bos
Jonathan Ceniceroz
Inda Craig-Galván
Jihan Crowther
Padraic Duffy
Ellen Fairey
Larissa FastHorse
Abbey Fenbert
Dorothy Fortenberry
Marek Glinski
Chanel Glover
Gina Gold
Paul Grellong
Jason Grote
Jennifer Haley
Aaron Henne
Cory Hinkle
SJ Hodges
David Holstein
Rolin Jones
Lila Rose Kaplan
Aurorae Khoo
Carolyn Kras
Josh Levine
Eric Reyes Loo
Ruth McKee
Wesley Middleton
Meg Miroshnik
Megan Mostyn-Brown
David Myers
Will Nedved
Brett Neveu
Dominic Orlando
Brian James Polak
Larry Pontius
Kirsia Rein
Bianca Sams
Matt Schatz
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