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“Once Upon a Canyon Night” Returns
Actors Conservatory Ensemble and TreePeople offers diverse live entertainment series at the S. Mark Taper Foundation Amphitheatre

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.– TreePeople and the Actors Conservatory Ensemble are excited to announce the return of [*“Once Upon A Canyon Night”*](#) back for its 13th season, running on select weekends from July 10th through September.

The summer entertainment series is nestled in the woods and set under the stars in TreePeople’s beautiful S. Mark Taper Foundation Amphitheatre at its park headquarters at the intersection of Coldwater Canyon and Mulholland Drive.

The 2015 season promises an unforgettable lineup of shows, including comics Paula Poundstone and Maz Jobrani, a return performance of “Airplane! The Reading!!,” jazz vocalist Billy Valentine—and so much more. The complete lineup features a poetry jam, comics, staged readings, and shows for the whole family. [Check out the website for a full listing of performances.](#)

All proceeds directly benefit the maintenance and care of TreePeople's beautiful 45-acre Coldwater Canyon Park.

Please write to jjewell@treepeople.org for press passes.

TreePeople is located at 12601 Mulholland Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

For tickets and more information: <https://www.treepeople.org/visit/once-upon-a-canyon-night>

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TreePeople is a nonprofit organization that is growing a green and climate-resilient Los Angeles, one with enough tree canopy, healthy soil, and clean local water in even our most urban neighborhoods. We work with communities to transform LA's landscapes into living, healthy watersheds: in homes, neighborhoods and schools, in our local mountains and at our 45-acre park. We also have deep roots working with policymakers to demonstrate new green and viable infrastructure solutions for a sustainable city.

Details for Calendar Listings

Friday, July 10, 8:00 p.m.

ACE POETRY JAMS' LADIES' NIGHT!

Presented by Eileen Mack Knight & The Bloszies Group.

A group of talented and diverse women on stage, each with their own unique voice and deeply passionate self-created works. Scheduled to appear: Tonya Ingram, KiNG, Yesika Salgado, Terisa Siagatonu, Simply Kat and Alyesha Wise. Plus live music from DJ Brutha Gimel! Presented by Eileen Mack Knight, Kamala Thomas and the Bloszies Group.

Saturday, July 11, 8:00 p.m.

MAZ JOBRANI

Comic Maz Jobrani is a founding member of The Axis of Evil Comedy Tour, a regular on NPR's popular weekly news quiz *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me*, and bestselling author of *I'm Not a Terrorist But I've Played One on TV*. He's been featured on BBC and CNN, as well as in *The New York Times* and *Time* magazine. Opening comedy act courtesy of Amir K.

Friday & Saturday, July 24 & 25, 8:00 p.m.

THE RAINMAKER by N. RICHARD NASH

A staged reading directed by Mary Lou Metzger & Dennis Hunter

Set in a time of paralyzing drought in the West, we meet a girl whose father and brothers are as worried about her becoming an old maid as they are about their dying cattle. Enter a charming, fast talking con man, who promises to bring

rain. A fable of how faith can carve a fairy tale out of the harsh realities of our daily struggles, while reminding us that love, and the magic of a summer night, can make everything possible.

Friday & Saturday, August 7 & 8, 8:00 p.m.

DIAL M FOR MURDER by FREDERICK KNOTT

A staged reading directed by Jill Klein

Need some extra cash? Sell your car or...why not kill your wife? It's murder, money, sex and blackmail in this classic mystery, the source for the much-loved motion picture by Alfred Hitchcock.

Saturday, August 15, 7:30 p.m.

KIDS' NIGHT OUT! "EXPLORING THE RAINFOREST!" PRESENTED BY THE WILDLIFE LEARNING CENTER

Plus THE AMAZING "JUGGLER IN PERIL!" MICHAEL RAYNER

Surefire fun for children of all ages— live animals on our stage in an interactive presentation from the Wildlife Learning Center which has been delighting and educating audiences all over Southern California for almost 20 years. The young biologists from the Center have also appeared on Animal Planet, Discovery Channel, The Tonight Show and many more. Scheduled to appear this evening: two-toed sloth, squirrel monkey, kinkajou (aka honey bear), macaw, python, alligator, prehensile-tailed skink, Madagascar hissing cockroach and a rainbow boa constrictor. The show even starts with the audience-involving antics of our favorite juggler, Michael Rayner!

Sunday, August 23, 7:30 p.m.

PAULA POUNDSTONE

This incredibly agile-minded, hilarious Emmy-winning *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me* regular is also a regular at *Once Upon a Canyon Night*, returning to our stage for the 10th summer! Recognized as one of Comedy Central's 100 greatest stand-ups of all time, Paula won an American Comedy Award for Best Female Standup Comic and in 2010 was one of a select group voted into the Comedy Hall of Fame. Look forward to two solid hours of "insightful, thought-provoking humor" (*Chicago Tribune*) and unstoppable laughter. She's "at the top of her game" (*San Francisco Chronicle*)! And watch for Paula in the new Disney Pixar film "Inside Out" opening nationwide June 19th!

Saturday, August 29, 8:00 p.m.

BIL LEPP and LA HOOTENANNY

A nationally renowned, award winning storyteller and five time champion of the West Virginia Liars' Contest, Bil's outrageous, humorous tall-tales and witty stories have earned the appreciation of listeners of all ages and from all walks of life.

Though a champion liar, his stories often contain morsels of truth which shed light on universal themes. *With very special thanks to Black Olive Productions.*

A collective ranging from 8-15 members on any given night, L.A. Hootenanny is the premiere party band for Angelenos who want to get-up and get-down. Though their deep repertoire is stacked with classics from the likes of Johnny Cash, Lyle Lovett, Dean Martin, Snoop-Dogg and Blondie, what keeps fans returning are their wild originals!

Saturday, September 12, 8:00 p.m.

BILLY VALENTINE

One of our venue's favorite vocalists opens his night with an intimate, "unplugged" set of standards and soul – and then, for the second half, brings on the full band from his brand new *Brit Eyed Soul* cd! A night to remember from this wonderfully talented singer-songwriter.

Saturday, September 18 &19, 8:00 p.m.

AIRPLANE! THE READING!!

With Special Guest Robert Forster!!!

Back by popular demand!!!! For the 9th time!!!! We close our season one more time with our deliberately uncensored re-imagination of the very first table reading of the original screenplay from the film ranked #10 on *AFI's 100 Funniest American Movies of All Time*! With very special thanks to TreePeople Board Member David Zucker.