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## **20/20: A Presidential Re-Election Play Where You Decide the Future Coming to San Francisco Public Libraries on February 29 and March 1!**

What happens if the President is re-elected? In *20/20*, a play by Theatre Makers, the answer is up to the audience. *20/20* will be presented as part of the San Francisco Public Library's "SF by the Bay" science fiction and fantasy celebration. Performances are free of charge on **February 29 at 10:30am at the Bernal Branch Library** (500 Cortland Avenue), **February 29 at 3:00pm at the Richmond Branch Library** (351 9th Avenue), and **March 1 at 2:00pm at the Main Public Library** (400 Larkin Street, Latino/Hispanic Community Room), in San Francisco.

Developed by grassroots company **Theatre Makers**, *20/20* combines speculative fiction and political satire in a work from co-writers Stardust Doherty and Kari Barclay. What would happen if the President were impeached? (that scenario came true!) If a corporation or the military staged a coup? If San Francisco became an independent country? A diverse cast of new talent performs roles ranging from dissident Muni drivers to frantic tech CEOs to new-age cult leaders to the President himself. With comedy and depth, the show asks how our current political situation will shake out.

"*20/20* engages audience participation around the events of our day, highlighting social, political, economic, and environmental change (SPEEC) themes to fuel co-creation of our collective future," said co-writer Stardust Doherty.

"The world is full of possibility," said co-writer Kari Barclay. "We've taken *20/20* to extremes of utopia and dystopia, and I'm excited to see which scenarios the audience chooses for the actors to perform."

The "20/20 Free Library Tour" is a revival of the play's award-winning original presentation at the 2019 San Francisco Fringe Festival.

**Show Synopsis:** The year is 2020. The President has been re-elected, the climate is heating up, the economy is in meltdown. In this satirical participatory performance, audience members choose the scenarios to stage: impeachment? a coup? a revolution? *20/20* asks what people power looks like in a time of vast uncertainty when even choosing to do nothing has consequences.

**Theatre Makers** provides common ground for diverse communities to collaborate on, incubate, and stage both newly created and historically relevant audience-participatory plays based on social, political, economic, and environmental change (SPEEC) themes. The project welcomes those interested in dramatic and musical theatre, professional and amateur theater, commercial and non-profit theatre, including non-traditional theatrical events (performance art, street theater, pop-up theatre, home theatre, puppet shows, etc.) with activities including, for example:

- Discussions of all aspects of theatre creation and production
- Exchanging information on opportunities available
- Collaboration on incubating audience participatory plays and musicals based on social, political, economic, and environmental change (SPEEC) themes
- Workshops of plays and musicals under development
- Readings and staged readings of plays and musicals for educational and motivational purposes

Theatre Makers particularly fosters events that are inclusive and affirming of people based on class, race/ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, (dis)ability, age, and other identities.

Theatre Makers is a project of the **Ritual Art Troupe**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization **dedicated to fostering and developing multi-disciplinary arts**, including conception, investigation, development, production, and sharing of musical, dance, visual, theatrical, cinematic, and literary works with special attention to conserving our cultural heritage, serving a wide range of audiences, and encouraging creators and creations from diverse communities.

More Show Info and Graphics: <http://ritualart.org/2020>

Preview Video of Original Production: <http://ritualart.org/2020/preview>

Review of Original Production: <https://theatrius.com/2019/09/14/20-20-envisions-post-trump-future-at-s-f-fringe-festival/>

Theatre Makers: <http://ritualart.org/theatremakers/>

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### **For Calendar Editors**

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**Ticketing:** All performances free of charge and open to the public