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**STAGEStheatre Proudly Presents Urinetown: The Musical April 20th-May 20th**

Fullerton, CA—STAGEStheatre is proud to present ***Urinetown: The Musical,*** Mark Hollmann and Greg Kotis' hilarious musical satire about corporate control, political greed, and the call of nature directed by Edgar Andrew Torrens April 20th- May 20th.

In the not-so-distant future, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The public is required to use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company: the Urine Good Company. If the poor don't obey the strict laws prohibiting free urination, they'll be sent to the dreaded and mysterious "Urinetown." After too long under the heel of the megalomaniac Caldwell B. Cladwell, the poor stage a revolt, led by a brave young hero, fighting tooth and nail for the freedom to pee "wherever you like, whenever you like, for as long as you like, and with whomever you like." A brilliant satire modeled off the plays of Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht, ***Urinetown: The Musical*** is a wickedly funny, fast-paced, and surprisingly intelligent comedic romp.

"***Urinetown: The Musical*** is both a celebration of the musical form and a satirical piece of activism," director Torrens says. "In today's world where hope seems increasingly like a political action, the themes of this play - the misuse of power, populist revolution, and the uncertainty of environmental sustainability - seem

even more necessary today than when the show first premiered.

In the midst of so much social unrest, Urinetown couldn't be more relevant than it is today. This unorthodox story goes to show how no matter whose side you're on, both parties believe that they have good intentions. In Urinetown however, neither side has planned things out very well, and in the course of the fight over everyone's personal problems, the people of Urinetown soon find there are larger much more significant problems out of their control.

I'd really love to leave the audience asking themselves, 'How can we avoid coming face to face with our own 'drought?"

In 1999 ***Urinetown: The Musical*** got its start when the New York City Fringe Festival was looking to add more musicals to its lineup. ***Urinetown: The Musical*** became the hit of the festival, and its success led to a commercial production. Flush with the talents of an all-star creative and producing team*,* ***Urinetown: The Musical*** took home Tony Awards in 2002 for best director, best original score and best book of a musical.

Starring in ***Urinetown: The Musical*** are: Jim Astle, Anthony Barratta, Camden Berry, Bryana Brewer, Garrett Chandler, Brian Cook, Emily Curingham, Mady Durbin, Lindsey Eubanks, Gil Garcia IV, Kylie Grogan, Justine Halas, Johnny Byron Hill, Gabrielle Maldonado, Nicole Abarca Powell, Bianca Singer, Debi Tuiolosega, Mario Andrew Vargas Jr., and Brian Wiegel.

Tickets for ***Urinetown*** are $30.00, $28.00 for students and seniors.  Performances are April 20th- May 20th, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. For reservations please visit our website at [www.stagesoc.org](http://www.stagesoc.org/)

*About* ***STAGEStheatre****: Celebrating its 26th year in business, STAGEStheatre is one of Orange County's most innovative community theaters.  It produces nearly 15 productions annually, showcasing local playwriting, acting and directing talent.  STAGEStheatre is, and will continue to be, dedicated to the development of the artist.   It is located at 400 E. Commonwealth in Downtown Fullerton (between Lemon and Balcom).*