

Ed Asner bringing 'FDR' to San Jose Rep in July

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Courtesy of the Theatre Guild
Ed Asner is playing the title role in Dore Scharly's "FDR."

Ed Asner is coming to San Jose Repertory Theatre this summer as Franklin Delano Roosevelt, portraying one of the nation's greatest presidents in the solo drama "FDR." Asner, a seven-time Emmy winner, member of the TV Academy Hall of Fame and stage veteran, will bring his touring performance to San Jose for six performances, July 14 through 18. Among his better-known roles are playing Lou Grant in "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and, more recently, voicing the adventurous widower Carl in Pixar's Oscar-winning film "Up."

Written by Dore Scharly, "FDR" carries the events of Roosevelt's life and presidency beyond those depicted in Scharly's "Sunrise at Campobello," through the depths of the Depression and the fireside chats, well into World War II. Tickets for the San Jose run, part of the company's Summer Blockbuster series, range from \$45 to \$74. For more information, call (408) 367-7255 or go to www.sjrep.com.

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