

## Ed Asner bringing one-man 'FDR' show to San Jose Rep

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The inimitable character actor Ed Asner will be holding court at San Jose Rep this summer in the one-man show "FDR."

Based on the Broadway hit "Sunrise at Campobello," this solo piece traces the life of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd president of the United States, on a career in politics that spanned epic events such as the Great Depression and World War II.

The show will run July 14-18 at the Rep.

"As we deal with the Great Recession, this is the perfect time to spend a couple of hours with FDR, the man who went to battle the last time," says Rick Lombardo, artistic director of the San Jose Repertory Theatre. "Also, for someone of my generation, it's just amazing to have Lou Grant up there on our stage."

The Emmy-winning Asner is, of course, best-known as the gruff-voiced and hard-nosed Lou Grant. The iconic character was first introduced on the comedy "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and later was given his own spinoff, the hard-hitting newspaper drama "Lou Grant."

The actor also made a splash as the voice of Carl Fredricksen in Pixar's 2009 animated hit, "Up."

Asner, 80, who began his career in the theater before achieving fame on television, is also notable for his outspoken liberal political views and for his nephew, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom. He is also a former president of the Screen Actors Guild.

Tickets, which range from \$45 to \$74, are currently available only to new and renewing subscribers.

Single tickets will go on sale May 1.

All shows will take place at the Rep, 101 Paseo de San Antonio, San Jose. For more information, see [www.sjrep.com](http://www.sjrep.com).

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