

San Jose Rep: Ed Asner coming, 'Legacy of Light' added

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Before the premiere of *Ain't Misbehavin'* at the San Jose Rep Friday night, artistic director Rick Lombardo made a few crowd pleasing announcements. The first concerned a new one-man show *FDR*, part of the Rep's Summer Blockbuster series, starring Ed Asner of *Mary Tyler Moore* fame.

This theatrical production is based upon Dore Schary's Broadway hit *Sunrise at Campobello*, winner of four Tony Awards, which ran 70 weeks on Broadway, making it one of the longest running plays of all time. *FDR* will be in town for only six shows and begins July 14 and runs until July 18, 2010.

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Ed Asner brings his one-man show, FDR, to the San Jose Rep this summer

The second announcement solved the TBA mystery for the upcoming 2010-2011 season. The west coast premiere of *Legacy of Light*, a drama featuring two scientists who balance motherhood with careers, will fill the remaining slot in the 30th anniversary schedule.

Emmy Award and Golden Globe Award-Winner and Member of the TV Academy Hall of Fame, Ed Asner, Comes to San Jose Rep!

Asner stars in a solo performance of FDR.

SAN JOSE, Ca. (March 18, 2010) San Jose Repertory Theatre presents Ed Anser in a solo performance of *FDR* as part of the Rep's Summer Blockbuster series. Ed Asner, recipient of seven Emmy Awards ("Mary Tyler Moore Show," "Lou Grant") and 16 nominations, five Golden Globe Awards, and a member of the TV Academy Hall of Fame, will star in the solo performance drama, *FDR*. This theatrical production is based upon Dore Schary's Broadway hit *Sunrise at Campobello*, winner of four Tony® Awards, which ran 70 weeks on Broadway, making it one of the longest running plays of all time. This must see performance for six shows only begins July 14 and runs until July 18, 2010. Ticket prices range from \$45.00 to \$74.00 and are currently available for new and renewed Rep subscribers. Press opening night is Thursday, July 15 at 8:00pm.

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Ed Asner is magnificent as *FDR* and delivers a fearless performance of this dynamic and powerful world leader.

FDR explores the life of one of America's best-loved presidents and the events and decisions that shaped a nation. This powerful play follows the iconic president as he reflects on his years in office, from inauguration to the trials of World War II. **FDR** features a bravura performance by Asner as "that man in the White House," scorned by many and admired by most. Travel along with one of America's most cherished actors as he takes you on a captivating journey through FDR's White House years from the depths of the Great Depression through the resident fabled "fireside chats," Pearl Harbor and World War II.

Mr. Asner's New York City Theatre credits include *Ivanov*, *The Tempest*, *Face of a Hero*, *King Henry V*, and *Born Yesterday*. Other theatrical credits include *Woyzck*, *Volpone*, *Windowirs Houses*, *Dybbuk*, *Red Gloves*, *Murder in the Cathedral*, *Miss Julie*, *The Seagull*, *Peer Gynt*, *Juno and the Paycock*, and *Oedipus Rex*. Additional television work includes appearances as a recurring guest star on the television series "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip" and an Emmy Award-Winning role as Captain Davies in the mini-series "Roots." Most recently, Mr. Asner provided the voice of Carl Frederickson in Pixar's Oscar nominated 2009 film, *Up*.

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