

FAQ

“Mothers”: Playback Theater Outdoors

May 2, 2021 at 6:30pm

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What is Playback Theater?

Playback is a theater of neighbors, a theater of community. Audience members volunteer to share a true story and the actors bring the scene or moment to life onstage, using spoken improvisation, music, movement and ritual. Your story can be anything from a childhood memory to a future dream. It can be a funny story, a sad story, a goodbye story, a happy story - whatever story you have we will meet you there. The Playback troupe comes without scripts, with their theatrical skills and talents, with their humanity in service of your story.

You can volunteer to tell your own story and see it enacted on stage, or just watch the stories of others.

Playback Theater revives traditions from the time when people used to gather around the fire at night and share stories from their day. Wisdom, humor, and truths about life were passed between generations and communities. It's this fire of theater that we ignite. The fire of people coming together and sharing their stories.

For the May 2 performance at the APJCC, the stories will be on the theme of mothers and motherhood.

[Read more about SF Playback Theater.](#)

I purchased an online (Zoom) ticket. What will I see from home?

You'll be able to see the performance live streamed, from the stage, in real time. You won't be able to share your own story, but you'll see the Playback troupe enact stories told by members of the in-person audience. You'll be able to enjoy an amazing and moving theatrical performance.

I purchased an in-person ticket. What should I expect?

The live performance will take place on the athletic field at the Addison-Penzak JCC, 14855 Oka Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032. Please bring blankets or lawn chairs to sit on, and wear a mask. Please attend only if you are well and don't have any COVID-19 symptoms.

Before the event, we'll send you information regarding how to check in. When you check in, please wear a mask. Your temperature will be taken, and then your "usher" will take you to a designated space on the lawn. Two families can sit together if they are part of the same social bubble. There will be a designated space for the "Best Moms Ever" \$100 tickets, and also some space for blankets only. When you sit in your designated spot, you can take off your mask if you wish. Please put the mask back on anytime you leave your designated seat -- for example, when you go to the restroom.

For your convenience, bring your own water bottle, snacks and a hat.

The performance will include personal and sensitive stories and is recommended for ages 13 and up, who can remain in their seats and listen attentively.

The performance will include three actors and a musician, and will be amplified.