

THE MARSH SAN FRANCISCO PRESENTS FOOL LA LA! OVER THE RAINBOW

Written and Performed by Unique Derique
Directed by Calvin Kai Ku
December 21, 2018 – January 6, 2019

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (28 November 2018) – Ho ho ho and *Fool La La!* It's the most wonderful time of the year as the Bay Area's favorite Clown Prince of Fools, **Unique Derique**, returns to **The Marsh San Francisco** in this fifth annual zany circus extravaganza for all ages. Audiences of all ages can take a holiday ride over the rainbow with classic physical comedy, playful percussion, and electronic body music in *Fool La La! Over the Rainbow*. After the show, clown around with Unique Derique in a free juggling and hambone workshop for the whole family! This stocking full of delights will be presented **December 21, 2018-January 6, 2019** with performances 2:00pm (dates below) at **The Marsh San Francisco**, 1062 Valencia St., San Francisco. For tickets (\$15-\$35 sliding scale, \$55-\$100 reserved) or more information, the public may visit www.themarsh.org or call The Marsh Box office at 415-282-3055 (open Monday through Friday, 1:00pm-4:00pm).

The *San Francisco Examiner* wrote that Derique “leaves them laughing coast to coast,” adding “he plays himself and the result, percussive and dynamic, is exhilarating.” *Fool La La! Over the Rainbow*, a playful celebration for the whole family, encourages kids from 1 to 92 to let their imaginations take flight. Hailed by *The New York Times* for “his rapid-fire hands as they passed over his body in a blur of motion,” he was also lauded by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, declaring, “Derique will be back... remember the name.”

Internationally acclaimed Clown Prince **Unique Derique**'s appearances span the globe in places such as South Africa, Scotland, Taipei, London, Paris, and Tokyo— and he has shared the stage with entertainers such as Bobby McFerrin, The Temptations, Laura Nyro, Jim Nabors, Tuck and Patti, Lou Rawls, and Sammy Davis, Jr. His television credits include appearances on *It's*

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Showtime at the Apollo, the Disney Channel, KQED’s *Spark*, Univision’s *Sábado Gigante Internacional*, and he has co-hosted KQED’s Emmy-winning show *Short Stories and Tall Tales*. Derique’s clown training began at the age of 15 with Berkeley’s Circus A La Mode, and later with San Francisco’s Make*A*Circus and the famed Pickle Family Circus. This multi-talented artist’s experience also includes serving as Program Director for Circus Arts Camp at Oakland’s Children’s Fairyland, 23 years as circus artist-in-residence with the Prescott Circus Theatre in West Oakland, and a long volunteer tenure as a performer with the Bread and Roses organization.

When not entertaining audiences as Unique Derique, Lance McGee is a Wellness Consultant and Mindfulness Coach providing support to Oakland middle-school educators, administrators, staff and students. His past work includes school-based counseling for the East Bay Agency for Children, as well as working in Richmond public schools with the Mindful Life Project. Additionally, he leads trainings and workshops on recognizing trauma-informed care practices as well as mindfulness for non-profit organizations, health clinics, colleges and educational systems throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Marsh is known as “a breeding ground for new performance.” It was launched in 1989 by Founder and Artistic Director Stephanie Weisman, and now annually hosts more than 600 performances of 175 shows across the company’s two venues in San Francisco and Berkeley. A leading outlet for solo performers, The Marsh’s specialty has been hailed by the *San Francisco Chronicle* as “solo performances that celebrate the power of storytelling at its simplest and purest.” The *East Bay Times* named The Marsh one of Bay Area’s best intimate theaters, calling it “one of the most thriving solo theaters in the nation. The live theatrical energy is simply irresistible.”

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

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physical comedy, playful percussion, and electronic body music in *Fool La La! Over the Rainbow*. After the show, clown around with Unique Derique in a free juggling and hambone workshop for the whole family!

SHOWS: 2018 Performances:
2:00pm, Friday, December 21
2:00pm, Saturday, December 22
2:00pm, Sunday, December 23
2:00pm, Thursday, December 27
2:00pm, Friday, December 28
2:00pm, Saturday, December 29
2:00pm, Sunday, December 30

2019 Performances:
2:00pm, Wednesday, January 2
2:00pm, Thursday, January 3
2:00pm, Friday, January 4
2:00pm, Saturday, January 5
2:00pm, Sunday, January 6

WHERE: **The Marsh San Francisco**, 1062 Valencia St., San Francisco
(between 21st & 22nd Streets)
*Parking is available at New Mission Bartlett Garage
(21st St between Mission & Valencia)
Bart Station (closest): Mission & 24th Street*

TICKETS: \$15-\$35 sliding scale, \$55-\$100 reserved

INFO: For information or to order tickets visit **themarsh.org** or call **(415) 282-3055**
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