

THEATREWORKS SILICON VALLEY PRESENTS  
BRILLIANT BASKETBALL BROMANCE

## King James

By Rajiv Joseph

Directed by Giovanna Sardelli

Regional Premiere

October 9 – November 3, 2024 (opening night: October 12)

MOUNTAIN VIEW CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

**WHAT:** TheatreWorks Silicon Valley tips off its 54th season by bringing basketball from center court to center stage with Pulitzer Prize finalist **Rajiv Joseph's *King James***. In this brilliant buddy comedy, superfans Matt and Shawn forge a friendship through their shared love of the Cleveland Cavaliers and star player LeBron James. Spanning 12 years from James' 2004 rookie season to 2016 NBA championship, tensions mount both on and off the court for the duo in this honest exploration of love, grace, and the power of a good game to bring people together. Premiering in a co-production between Steppenwolf Theatre Company and Center Theatre Group, ***King James*** performed Off-Broadway at Manhattan Theatre Club. *The New York Times* lauded the play as “a touching examination of male friendship and the powerful social currents beneath it.” *TheaterMania* called the play “a must-see. One of the funniest and most moving plays about friendship in years.” *The San Diego Union-Tribune* hailed it as “enormously entertaining. A touching and funny story on the game of life and the audience wins every night.” TheatreWorks Artistic Director **Giovanna Sardelli** directs the TheatreWorks production, continuing a long collaboration with Joseph at TheatreWorks, where she also directed *Archduke*, *The Lake Effect*, and *The North Pool*. She also helmed Joseph's Obie Award-winning *Describe the Night* at Atlantic Theatre Company and TheatreWorks' 2014 New Works Festival reading, as well as the World Premiere of *Archduke* at Center Theatre Group and *The Guards at the Taj* at Geffen Playhouse.

**WHEN:** Previews: Wednesday, October 9 – Friday, October 11, 2024  
*Opening: Saturday, October 12, 2024*  
Closes: Sunday, November 3, 2024

**SHOWS:** Previews: 8:00pm  
Tuesdays: 7:30pm  
Wednesdays: 2:00pm, 7:30pm  
Thursdays & Fridays: 8:00pm  
Saturdays: 2:00pm, 8:00pm  
Sundays: 2:00pm, 7:00pm

**ACCESS:** **ASL Interpretation:** 7:30pm Tuesday, October 22, 2024

**Open Captioning:** 2pm and 7pm on Sunday, October 27, 2024; 2pm on Wednesday, October 30, 2024

**Audio Description:** 8pm Saturday, November 2, 2024; 2pm Sunday, November 3, 2024

*Please register in advance, as service includes a pre-show talk 30 minutes before the performance.*

**Assistive Listening Devices available at every performance**

**EVENTS:** **Post-show discussions with cast:** 7:30pm Wednesday, October 30, 2024

**WHERE:** **Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts**, 500 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041

**TICKETS:** Subscriptions are currently available for the 2024-25 Season. Single tickets (\$34-\$115) will be available in the coming months. Pricing subject to change.

**INFO:** For information visit **theatreworks.org** or call **877-662-8978**

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