

SAN FRANCISCO PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS
AN ANIME-INFUSED ADVENTURE EXPLORING INFAMOUS SEASONING

EXOTIC DEADLY: OR THE MSG PLAY

By Keiko Green

Directed by Jesca Prudencio

January 30 – March 8, 2025 (*opening night: February 5*)

Northern California Premiere

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WHAT: San Francisco Playhouse will ring in 2025 with the Northern California Premiere of Keiko Green’s *Exotic Deadly: Or the MSG Play*. Set in 1999, Japanese American high schooler Ami is trying to fit in with her American peers and she is devastated to discover her family helped create MSG, the supposedly addictive and dangerous ingredient that’s gained infamy. When a mysteriously cool new girl arrives at school, Ami vows to find the truth and save the world from MSG. Spiced with anime and 90s pop culture influences, this whimsically wacky time-traveling adventure is a riotous romp through teenage crushes, family legacies, and the magical properties of instant ramen. *Exotic Deadly: Or the MSG Play* received its World Premiere at The Old Globe, where it was called “wildly funny. Smart and hilarious” by *The San Diego Union-Tribune* while *BroadwayWorld* declared it “frenetic and fantastical.” Jesca Prudencio, who directed the show at The Old Globe, reunites with Green to helm the San Francisco Playhouse production.

WHEN: Previews: Thursday, January 30– Tuesday, February 4, 2025
Opening: Wednesday, February 5, 2025
Closes: Saturday, March 8, 2025

SHOWS: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 7pm
Wednesdays: 2pm & 7pm
Fridays: 3pm & 8pm
Saturdays: 3pm & 8pm
Sundays: 2pm

WHERE: San Francisco Playhouse (450 Post Street, San Francisco)

TICKETS: Single tickets (\$35-\$135) for *Exotic Deadly: Or the MSG Play* and 2024-25 Season subscriptions are currently available. For tickets and more information, the public may visit o <https://www.sfplayhouse.org/sfph/2024-2025-season/exotic-deadly-or-the-msg-play/> or call the box office at 415-677-9596.

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