



MARIN THEATRE PRESENTS  
HUMOROUS AND HUMAN PLAY ABOUT ADDICTION AND RECOVERY

## The White Chip

By Sean Daniels

Directed by Lance Gardner

Bay Area Premiere

August 27 – September 20, 2026 (opening night: May 12)

**WHAT:** Marin Theatre’s 2026/27 season will kick off with the Bay Area Premiere of *The White Chip*. Written by acclaimed director, writer, and former California Shakespeare Theater Associate Artistic Director **Sean Daniels**, this sharp-witted comedy is a semi-autobiographical roller coaster ride through the intoxicating highs and rock-bottom lows of addiction and recovery. Marin Theatre Executive Artistic Director **Lance Gardner**, who will celebrate 20 years of sobriety in 2027, will helm this humorous, harrowing, and honest play.

*The White Chip* spotlights theatre director Steven, an alcoholic attempting to untangle his flourishing artistic career from his drinking dependencies. After his life and livelihood are upturned, Steven claims Alcoholics Anonymous’ white chip for anyone who has 24 hours of sobriety or a desire to stop drinking. Steven discovers the difficult road to recovery in this moving tale of strength and humanity. After premiering at Merrimack Repertory Theatre, *The White Chip* was then produced at New York’s 59E59 Theater and was recently seen Off-Broadway at MCC Theater. *Talkin’ Broadway* said, “This unique dramatic concoction is likely to leave you shaken and stirred with plenty of laughter and sobs.” *The New York Times* gave it a Critic’s Pick, noting its “Delicate equilibrium between laugh-out-loud comedy and gasp-inducing tragedy. Plays save lives in all kinds of ways. I would bet that *The White Chip* has, and will.”

**WHEN:** August 27 – September 20, 2026 (opening night: September 1)

**WHERE:** Marin Theatre, 397 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941

**TICKETS:** \$39-\$110 plus a \$6 handling fee per total order. Student, educator, and under 35 discounts available. Pricing subject to change.

**INFO:** Subscriptions for the 2026/27 season are now available at [MarinTheatre.org](http://MarinTheatre.org) or by calling 415-388-5208. Single tickets will be available at a later date.

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**PHOTOS:** High-res photos may be downloaded from <https://cbpr.co/press/thewhitechip>