



Actors Ensemble of Berkeley

Summer 2024 Staged Reading Series at LaVal's Subterranean

The Trial of Katharina Kepler

By Karen Marguerite Caronna

Directed by Neil Harkins

Cast

JOHANNES KEPLER - Alan Coyne

KATHARINA KEPLER - Joyce Jacobson

EINHORN - Greg Gutting

MAGISTRATE - David Noll

KRAUTLIN/CRISTOPH/VILLAGERS - Thomas B. Hutchinson

URSULA/VILLAGERS - Kimberly Taylor

MARGARET/VILLAGERS - Chloe Wasil

PASTOR BINDER - Joseph Schmitz

Karen Marguerite Caronna is a writer and performer proud to be living in Oakland, California. Karen has performed on films, on stage and in commercials, is a Brady Fellow with 3Girls Theater, and a finalist with Bay Area Playwright's Foundation for the play, *Dream of a Marginal Deity*. Karen has written short plays performed by local theater groups and theater conferences and published short stories, and in 2016 performed in the Actors Ensemble/Inferno Theatre co-production of *King Lear* at John Hinkel Park.

Neil Harkins is a playwright & director, who has produced short play readings at Fort Mason and LiveOak Theaters, raising over \$2000 for bay-area charities. His play *Background Noise* was an audience favorite in PCSF PlayOffs 2021, and his full-length plays *Epic Western & Robot Intervention* received staged readings in the 2022 PCSF Reading Series and Berkeley Rep Playwriting Intensive. He is Assistant Director of the Baldwin Centennial Project's performance *Inventory: James Baldwin Abroad* during the Summer of 2024.

Actors Ensemble is the longest-running theatre organization in Berkeley, founded in 1957. We aim to produce quality theatre emphasizing the ensemble, with a community flavor.

Other works in the Series:

Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of the Missing Mystery, Tues. August 27th, 8 p.m.

Greenwood: A new work by Stuart Bousel (and Shakespeare), Fri. August 30th, 8 p.m.

Our second production of 2024 in the John Hinkel Park Amphitheater:

The Imaginary Invalid, Saturdays and Sundays plus Labor Day Monday, Aug. 24th–Sep. 8th, 4 p.m.

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