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Pacific Repertory Theatre Announces Its First Production of 2026 with Michael Frayn's *Noises Off*

Opening February 14 in the Founders Theatre at the Golden Bough Playhouse

Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA (January 2, 2026) — Pacific Repertory Theatre (PacRep) proudly launches its 2026 *Season of Wonder* with Michael Frayn's legendary comedy *Noises Off*, opening February 14 and running through March 15, 2026, in the Founders Theatre at the Golden Bough Playhouse in downtown Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. Tickets are available at PacRep.org or by phoning the PacRep Box Office at the Golden Bough Playhouse at 831-622-0100.

Often hailed as "the funniest farce ever written," *Noises Off* is a dazzling tour de force of theatrical comedy—an intricately crafted, laugh-out-loud celebration of backstage chaos, fragile egos, and the unpredictable magic of live theatre. Since its premiere in 1982, the play has become one of the most beloved comedies in modern theatrical history, renowned for its precision, intelligence, and relentless momentum.

PacRep's production will be directed by husband-and-wife team Michael Champlin and Katie O'Bryon Champlin and will feature a standout ensemble of Monterey County's finest comedic performers. The cast is led by local favorites Julie Hughett as Dotty Otley and Michael Storm as Lloyd Dallas and features Actor's Equity Association (AEA) guest artist Michael Jacobs as Seldon Mowbray. Also appearing are Keith Larson (Frederick Fellowes), Jennifer Newman (Belinda Blair), Izzy Pedego (Poppy Norton-Taylor), Scott Silagy (Tim Allgood), Dale Tompson (Garry Lejeune), and Michelle Vallentyne (Brooke Ashton).

Noises Off follows the unraveling of a hopelessly incompetent British sex farce titled *Nothing On*, charting its descent from a disastrous final dress rehearsal to a touring production in total collapse. The play's ingenious three-act structure offers a front-row view of theatrical catastrophe: Act One presents the show as the audience sees it, riddled with missed cues and mounting confusion; Act Two turns the set around (literally) to expose the silent, backstage mayhem mid-performance; and Act Three returns to the audience perspective weeks later, when the production has completely imploded into gloriously uncontrolled farce.

What sets *Noises Off* apart is its astonishing clockwork precision. Every slammed door, flying prop, and perfectly timed pratfall is meticulously choreographed, making it one of the most challenging comedies ever staged. Actors must approach the madness with utter sincerity, allowing the humor to erupt naturally from circumstance rather than performance.

Beneath the laughter lies a keenly observed portrait of human nature and the peculiar ecosystem of the theatre. Frayn captures the emotional volatility, rivalries, and resilience of artists determined to keep going—no matter how wrong everything becomes. Despite its satirical edge, *Noises Off* is ultimately generous in spirit, serving as a heartfelt love letter to live performance and the indomitable will to make the show go on.

Noises Off Performance Schedule

Thursday	February 12	7:30 PM	Discount Preview
Friday	February 13	7:30 PM	Discount Preview
Saturday	February 14	7:30 PM	Opening Night
Sunday	February 15	2:00 PM	Matinee

Thursday	February 19	7:30 PM	Sweet Thursday Discount
Friday	February 20	7:30 PM	
Saturday	February 21	7:30 PM	
Sunday	February 22	2:00 PM	Matinee

Thursday	February 26	7:30 PM	Sweet Thursday Discount
Friday	February 27	7:30 PM	
Saturday	February 28	7:30 PM	
Sunday	March 1	2:00 PM	Matinee

Thursday	March 5	7:30 PM	Sweet Thursday Discount
Friday	March 6	7:30 PM	
Saturday	March 7	7:30 PM	
Sunday	March 8	2:00 PM	Matinee

Thursday	March 12	7:30 PM	Sweet Thursday Discount
Friday	March 13	7:30 PM	
Saturday	March 14	7:30 PM	
Sunday	March 15	2:00 PM	Closing Matinee

Pacific Repertory Theatre's **2026 Season of Wonder** will include a bold and breathtaking lineup that celebrates the full power of live theatre. Overflowing with laughter, enchantment, heartbreak, joy, and imagination, the season spans everything from Mel Brooks mayhem to Shakespeare under the stars, from Disney magic to the global phenomenon *Come From Away*. It's bold. It's hilarious. It's breathtaking. And it's uniquely **PacRep**.

Beetlejuice JR.

Founders Theatre, Golden Bough Playhouse

April 25 – May 17, 2026

A PacRep School of Dramatic Arts (SoDA) production featuring talented youth from throughout the region.

Young Frankenstein

Founders Theatre, Golden Bough Playhouse

June 16 – July 26, 2026

Disney's The Little Mermaid

Outdoor Forest Theater

August 6 – September 20, 2026

Medea

Circle Theatre, Golden Bough Playhouse

September 3 – September 20, 2026

William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream

Outdoor Forest Theater

October 1 – October 17, 2026

Come From Away

Founders Theatre, Golden Bough Playhouse

November 19 – December 20, 2026

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical

Outdoor Forest Theater

November 28 – December 20, 2026

A PacRep School of Dramatic Arts (SoDA) production featuring talented youth from throughout the region.

PacRep FlexPACs – The Best Way to Experience the 2026 Season of Wonder!

The smartest way to enjoy PacRep's 2026 Season of Wonder is with a **FlexPAC** subscription.

FlexPAC Benefits Include:

- Savings of up to **25%** off general ticket prices
- Ultimate flexibility—choose your shows, dates, and times
- Free date exchanges
- Priority seating in the beautifully renovated Founders Theatre
- Advance notice of promotions and special events
- No exchange fees

Single tickets and FlexPAC seat reservations go on sale Tuesday, January 6, 2026 (*January 1 for Golden Circle Members*) FlexPACs are available **now**. Purchase yours at pacrep.org, or call PacRep's Box Office, Tuesday through Saturday, 11 AM to 4 PM. You can also visit the Box Office in person, at the Golden Bough Playhouse, located on Monte Verde Street between 8th and 9th Avenues in downtown Carmel.

2026 FLEXPAC OPTIONS

10-Ticket Plan – Up to 25% Savings (Best Value)

- General: \$368
- Senior (65+): \$293
- Teacher or Military (with ID): \$218
- Student: \$98

8-Ticket Plan – Up to 20% Savings

- General: \$314
- Senior (65+): \$250
- Teacher or Military (with ID): \$186
- Student: \$83

6-Ticket Plan – Up to 15% Savings

- General: \$250
- Senior (65+): \$199
- Teacher or Military (with ID): \$148
- Student: \$66

4-Ticket Plan – Up to 5% Savings

- General: \$186
- Senior (65+): \$148
- Teacher or Military (with ID): \$110
- Student: \$49

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