



CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY

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CYGNET BEGINS RENOVATIONS ON OLD TOWN THEATRE

SAN DIEGO, CA – Cygnet Theatre Company has officially begun renovations on the Old Town Theatre located 4040 Twiggs St., in Old Town San Diego State Historical Park. Members of the Board of Trustees along with several campaign donors gathered last week to celebrate the ground breaking. The renovations will continue over the next several months with the theatre scheduled to re-open on November 28th with Cygnet's production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Following the opening of the Old Town Theatre, Cygnet will alternate its productions between Old Town and its Rolando space located on El Cajon Boulevard near Montezuma Road.

Cygnet Theatre Company signed a 10-year lease with the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation to manage the 248-seat Old Town theatre space. As part of the agreement, Cygnet will provide several improvements including bringing the theatre up to code under the Americans with Disabilities Act, remodeling the lobby, box office and concession areas, and expanding the restroom facilities. Ruttky Development Company, Inc. is overseeing the major renovations. Cygnet will also replace all of the seats and install state-of-the-art lighting and sound equipment in order to provide the best theatrical experience for its patrons.

Cygnet Theatre is in the midst of a fund-raising campaign to cover the costs of the improvements. The Next Stage: Cygnet/Old Town Campaign has already raised over \$800,000 of its \$975,000 goal. For further information on participating in the campaign, please contact Veronica Murphy at (619) 698-5855 x113 or veronica@cygnettheatre.com.

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In addition to the renovations at the Old Town Theatre, Cygnet has recently replaced all 161 seats in its Rolando space. Audiences will be able to enjoy the improved seating beginning July 24th when previews begin for the dark comedy *The Receptionist*, which opens Cygnet's 6th season.

Performances of ***The Receptionist*** are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets are \$22 - \$38. Discounts are available for seniors, students and military. There are no Wednesday performances during previews.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting Cygnet's website at **www.cygnettheatre.com** or calling the box office at **619-337-1525**. Tickets can also be purchased in person by visiting the box office located at 6663 El Cajon Blvd. #N, one block west of the intersection of El Cajon and Montezuma.

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