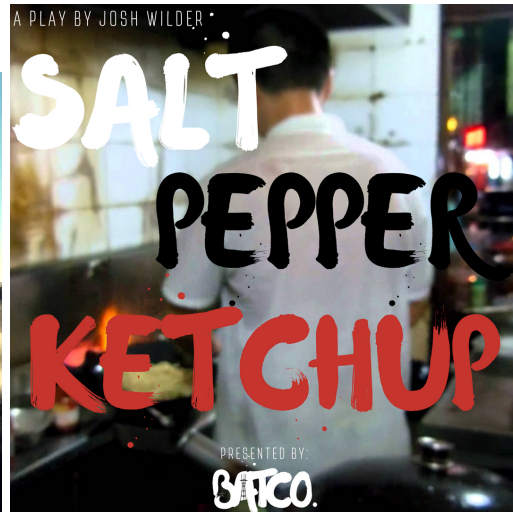


Salt Pepper Ketchup Press Release



"Neighborhoods flip fast. They might take a couple of decades to decay, but they flip fast."

The San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Company (Batco) presents *SALT PEPPER KETCHUP*: a new play by Josh Wilder. *SALT PEPPER KETCHUP* is a bitter comedy centering on John and Linda Wu, two newly minted American citizens who've hewn their piece of the American Dream out of plexiglass and chicken wings, smack dab in the middle of the hood. Enter a new supermarket Co-op and its vanguard- the pioneers for the "new generation" to come. Salt Pepper Ketchup is a contemporary dissection of what happens to people when you threaten where they belong.

Who: The San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Company (BATCO)

What: Salt Pepper Ketchup- a new play by Josh Wilder

Where/When: There will be seven (7) public performances and one (1) preview performance at the Buriel Clay Theater (762 Fulton St./African American Art & Culture Complex) from September 28th to October 8th, 2017

Preview - Thursday September 28th at 2:00pm & 7:30pm (400 SFUSD and other Bay Area school students and their faculty have been invited to attend these performances on Batco.)

Opening - Friday September 29th at 8pm (Opening night Reception)

Run -

Friday 9/29, Saturday 9/30, Thursday 10/5, Friday 10/6, Saturday and 10/7 at **8pm**
Sunday 10/1 and Sunday 10/8 at **2pm**

Closing - Sunday October 8th (Closing Night Talk with Playwright Josh Wilder)

Special Events:

9/29- Opening Night VIP Pre-show Reception

10/1- BATCO Cookout!- BBQ community event following 2pm performance

10/5- Pay-What-You-Can Performance

10/6- Activist Talkback- Artists & Activist talkback following 8pm performance

10/8- Meet the Playwright- Talkback with playwright Josh Wilder following 2pm closing performance

Featuring:

Will Way Chen

Weijen Liao

Craig King

Ashley Raggs

Allen Darby

Jess Rankin

Geoffrey Malveaux

Ron Chapman

Directed by Thomas Pang

Associate Director: Aidaa Peerzada

Scenic Designer: Hector Zavala

Lighting Designer: Lauren Tannous-Weisgerber

Fight Choreographer: Kai Young

Stage Manage: Jamila Cobham

Assistant Stage Manager: Adan Faudoa

Quote from the Playwright:

Being from Philadelphia and living in a neighborhood that is currently being gentrified, I felt a duty to give voice to my community. Whenever I go back home to visit, I realized that the community I grew up in is quickly leaving, and what is so fascinating to me is that the Bodegas and Chinese Take-Outs are not. Stores like Master Wok were here before I was born and will probably remain after my new neighborhood is complete. Being here in San Francisco is really ironic because it feels like a living cautionary tale of gentrification.

The leading question of *SALT PEPPER KETCHUP* is **“How would immigrant business owners in the hood react if the threat of gentrification walked into their store?”**

Playwright Bio: Josh Wilder is a playwright from Philadelphia, PA. His work has been developed at The Fire This Time Festival, Playwrights' Center, Pillsbury House+Theater, The History Theatre, New York Theatre Workshop, The Drama League, Company One, Oregon

Shakespeare Festival and The O'Neill National Playwrights Conference. He is a former Jerome Fellow and Many Voices Fellow at The Playwrights' Center and has been in residence at The Royal Court Theatre. Josh is a MFA candidate in Playwriting at Yale School of Drama.

About BATCO

BATCO unites artists and audiences through live theatre that is reflective of the authentic perspectives and history of the San Francisco Bay Area. Our non-profit organization supports artists through creative development, full productions, and mentorships that aspire to engage a new generation of live theatre supporters.

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