

# THE GEM THEATRE

## ONE MORE PRODUCTIONS

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**ONE MORE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS**  
***DISASTER! THE MUSICAL***  
***Performances from Friday, March 1 to Sunday, March 24***

**GARDEN GROVE, CA –** *DISASTER! THE MUSICAL* opens on March 1 at Garden Grove's historic GEM THEATRE presented by the award-winning One More Productions – one of Southern California's leading musical theater companies. This is a regional premiere of *Disaster! The Musical*, in Orange County and One More Productions is excited about this musical.

Earthquakes, tidal waves, infernos and the unforgettable songs of the '70s take center stage in Broadway's side-splitting homage to classic disaster films.

*DISASTER!* is a new musical straight from Broadway, featuring some of the most unforgettable songs of the '70s. "Knock on Wood," "Hooked on a Feeling," "Sky High," "Mocking Bird" and "Hot Stuff" are just a few of the scintillating hits in this hilarious musical comedy with a book by three-time Emmy Award nominee and SiriusXM Broadway host, Seth Rudetsky and Jack Plotnick.

It's 1979 and New York's hottest A-listers are lining up for the opening of a floating casino and discotheque. What begins as a night of boogie fever quickly changes to panic as the ship succumbs to multiple disasters, such as earthquakes, tidal waves and infernos. As the night turns into day, everyone struggles to survive and, quite possibly, repair the love that they've lost... or at least escape the killer rats.

The cast includes Tom Patrick as Tony Delvecchio; Adriana Sanchez as Jackie Noelle; Bretten Popiel as Ted Scheider; Brittany Gerardi as Marianne Wilson; Race Chambers as Chad Rubik; Jon Michell as Maury Winters; Dee Shandera as Shirley Winters; Amanda Zaida Hansen as Sister Mary Downey; Debbi Ebert as Levora Verona; Marcus Vayette as Scott; Megan Michell as Ben/Lisa; Simon Hedrick as Jake; and Justin Halas, Kady Lawson, Jessie Mays, and Katie Walsh in the Ensemble. *DISASTER!* is directed by Damien Lorton and produced by Nicole Cassesso. This musical is backed up by an 8-piece orchestra on stage.

Performances run from Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 24 at The GEM THEATRE. Thursdays-Saturdays at 8 pm, and Sundays at 2 pm, at the Gem Theatre in Garden Grove, CA.

An additional two matinee shows have been added on March 9 and March 16 beginning at 2 pm. For ticket information, visit [www.onemoreproductions.com](http://www.onemoreproductions.com) or call 714-741-9550 X 221.

General admission tickets are \$30 each, \$28 for seniors, and \$28 for children (12 years old and under). \$20 Student Rush (Thursdays & Fridays only) may be purchased 30 minutes before the show with valid student identification card. Opening Gala Night Event Tickets, for Saturday, March 2, are \$45 each and ticket holders receive an exclusive invitation to attend the pre-show catered champagne Gala with the cast at 6:45 pm, followed by the show, then a special talk back session with the cast; show creators, Seth Rudetsky and Jack Plotnik; and original Broadway cast members Kevin Chamberlin and Adam Pascal.

This is one musical you don't want to miss!

For more information or to purchase tickets, call One More Productions at (714) 741-9550, ext. 221, or visit the website at [www.onemoreproductions.com](http://www.onemoreproductions.com).

### **About One More Productions**

ONE MORE PRODUCTIONS is one of Southern California's leading musical theater companies. In residence since 2008 at the 158-seat THE GEM THEATRE in Garden Grove, One More Productions (OMP) has been lauded for its quality productions of Broadway musicals.

In 2017, One More Productions received several awards and recognitions. Co-founder Nicole Cassesso was named L.A. Times Woman of the Year. Orange County Tribune announced One More Productions as winner of five categories in a Musical or Comedy including Best Actress (Nicole Cassesso, Cabaret); Best Supporting Actor (Danny Diaz, Cabaret); Best Ensemble (Cabaret); Best Musical or Comedy (Cabaret); and Best Director (Damien Lorton, Cabaret). OMP's Larry Watts received Broadway World's Best Costume Design for his work on Sweeney Todd. The production also received six nominations for Broadway World Regional Awards (Los Angeles) including Best Local Musical, Best Leading Actresses (Dee Shandera and Nicole Cassesso), Best Musical Direction, Best Choreography and Best Lighting Design.

One More Productions was voted one of the top five theaters in all of Southern California by the Los Angeles Times. They were awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Award by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and The Saint James Family Honors Award by the Board of Directors of the Orange County Imperial Court. They received a Resolution from the City of Garden Grove, and an official recognition from the County of Orange.

THE GEM THEATRE, recently underwent a major reconstruction, adding a state-of-the-art sound system, newly refurbished theater seats, and a reconfigured stage. The theater also boasts a new \$80,000 lighting system, three separate lobbies, and two separate concession areas and is ADA accessible. THE GEM is just moments away from the Garden Grove Freeway (22) and offers plenty of free parking.

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