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THE LOVE EDITION: FALLING HARD

The theatrical production featuring original short plays about Love, Heartache, and the Weirdness in between returns to San Francisco in February

SAN FRANCISCO, January 14, 2019 - Bindlestiff Studio, the nation's only theater dedicated to showcasing Filipino-American and Pilipino performing arts for 30 years is bringing back the love to its black box theater in the SoMa Pilipinas Cultural Heritage District with its most celebrated short play series ***The Love Edition: Falling Hard***, running from Valentine's Day **February 14 - March 2, 2019**.

Exploring the emotional twists and turns of love and relationships, The Love Edition (TLE) is a short play festival that captures the complex nuances of love stories. Through comedy, drama, and mixed media, *The Love Edition: Falling Hard* brings to life a theatrical world that delves deep into the human experience and spectacle of romantic love.

Falling Hard is the sixth iteration of TLE, originally produced by the theater's resident artists Chuck Lacson and Raf Lim in 2006. TLE showcases the vibrant arts and culture of Bindlestiff Studio's community while fostering the emerging talents of the San Francisco Bay Area.

FEATURED PLAYS

ALL AND THEN MOST, SOME AND NOW NONE

Written by **Abigail Pañares**. Directed by **Judith Ferrer**. Cast: **Rosa Ma, Jonah Pavon** and **Patrick Silvestre**

Our scene takes place in a funeral home, and where a memorial is about to take place. Anna and Jake loved each other. This takes place 2 years after they stopped.

ALL BETS OFF

Written by **Chris "Burd" Quines**. Directed by **Joe Cascasan**. Cast: **Oliver Wijayapala, Jan Carlo Patena** and **Nikki Nutterfield**.

Nolan Ryan once said: "I'm a believer that you take a negative and turn it into a positive." Baseball pitcher Frankie tries to dig himself out of a slump on and off the field.

BOBA SHOP SOLACE

Written by **Marissa Martinez**. Directed by **Aura San Miguel**. Cast: **Joyce Yin, Edu Ibazeta, Nic Feliciano** and **Michael Loria**.

Lina enters Happy Tea late-ish, looking for the sweet comfort of her favorite boba drink. Shop owners Mrs. and Mr. H. serve her tea and some bitter lessons in life and love with Lina's "Boba Horoscope."

DEVOTED

Written by **Conrad A. Panganiban**. Directed by **Lorenz Gonzales**. Cast: **Patrick Silvestre, Akiko Aspillaga** and **Edu Ibazeta**.

In a San Francisco bookstore, Mary and Chris tell a love story that despite all obstacles, endures across space and time.

RED ROSES FLOATING

Written by **Pacita Rudder**. Directed by **Lauren Garcia**. Cast: **Leigh Rondon-Davis, Kina Kantor** and **Nikki Nutterfield**.

On a snowy day in Michigan, Azalea is deeply in love with Nana but finds that they might see the world and the injustices around them much more differently than she thought.

YOU DONT?!

Written by **George Smart**. Directed by **Ely Orquiza**. Cast: **Giancarlo Cariola** and **Niño Palay**.

Rob and Dale are practically married. It is the day after gay marriage has become legalized in Vermont and now they can get married...maybe...possibly.

HOSTED BY: ATE JOSIE

Written by Benita Benavides. Directed by Laura Priscilla Paule. Cast: **Marissa Ampon**

WHAT/WHO

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Exploring the emotional twists and turns of love and relationships, six short original plays about Love, Heartache and the Weirdness in between will grace the **Bindlestiff Studio** stage starting in February 2019.

WHEN

February 14 - March 2, 2019

8:00 PM - Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays

Matinee Show: 3:00 PM on Saturday, February 23

WHERE

Bindlestiff Studio, 185 6th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

TICKETS

\$15-\$30

www.bindlestiffstudio.org/tle2019

FOR MORE INFO

www.bindlestiffstudio.org

PHOTOS

Excellent large, high-resolution (300dpi photos) available at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/v63u9StH9ktLQUWo8>

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ABOUT BINDLESTIFF STUDIO

Bindlestiff Studio's mission is to cultivate artists who reflect and celebrate the diverse values, traditions, and histories of Pilipino and Filipino American cultures through bold artistic expression and community engagement. Originally opened in 1989, Bindlestiff is the only permanent performing arts theater in the nation dedicated to showcasing emerging Filipino American and Pilipino artists. We provide the underserved Filipino American community access to diverse offerings in theatrical productions, music and film festivals, workshops in directing, production, acting, stand-up comedy, and writing, as well as a children and youth theater program.