

## THE MARSH BERKELEY ADDS THREE PERFORMANCES OF UNIQUE DERIQUE'S **FOOL LA LA! OVER THE RAINBOW**

January 14-21, 2018

BERKELEY, CA (10 January 2018) – For the New Year, **The Marsh Berkeley** extends Bay Area's beloved Clown Prince of Fools, **Unique Derique**, in his zany extravaganza ***Fool La La! Over the Rainbow***. Featuring a sweet new bag of tricks and side-splitting physical comedy, this all-ages show will leave audiences laughing and dancing through 2018. ***Fool La La! Over the Rainbow*** will perform three additional dates, 2pm January 14-21, 2018 at **The Marsh Berkeley**, 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley. For tickets (\$15-\$35 sliding scale, \$55-\$100 reserved), the public may visit [www.themarsh.org](http://www.themarsh.org) or call 415-282-3055 (open 1pm-4pm, Monday through Friday).

This circus-inspired show features slapstick comedy punctuated with dance and percussive music, transforming Unique Derique into a live one-man dancing-band. Touting a one-of-a-kind blend of physical comedy and Hambone body percussion, Derique has performed around the world in the Americas, Europe, Asia, and South Africa. Among the surprises, the family-friendly clown takes audiences on an unforgettable journey somewhere over the rainbow with “The Five Fool La La’s,” a short comedy music video celebrating five generations of foolish fun, including the Clown Prince, and his grandmother, mother, daughter, and granddaughter. Following each show, Derique leads a free 20-minute Hambone and juggling workshop so the whole family can put a little zip in their step for the New Year.

The *San Francisco Examiner* wrote that ***Fool La La*** “leaves them laughing coast to coast,” adding Unique Derique “plays himself and the result, percussive and dynamic, is exhilarating.” ***Fool La La! Over the Rainbow***, a playful celebration for the whole family, encourages kids from 1 to 92 to let their imaginations take flight.

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**Unique Derique**, also known as Lance McGee, has been delighting audiences with his special brand of clowning for many years. Derique has performed with such entertainers as Bobby McFerrin, The Temptations, Laura Nyro, Jim Nabors, Tuck and Patti, Lou Rawls, and the late Sammy Davis Jr. He has performed at prestigious venues such as Lincoln Center, and has been featured on the Disney Channel, as well as on the Emmy Award-winning children's television show "Short Stories and Tall Tales" on KQED. At the age of 15, Derique began clowning in Berkeley with Circus A La Mode, and later joined San Francisco's Pickle Family Circus and Make-A-Circus. When not entertaining audiences as Unique Derique, Lance McGee is a Wellness Consultant and Mindfulness Coach providing trauma-informed care and support at an Oakland school.

**The Marsh** is known as "a breeding ground for new performance." It was launched in 1989 by Founder and Artistic Director Stephanie Weisman, and now annually hosts more than 600 performances of 175 shows across the company's two venues in San Francisco and Berkeley. A leading outlet for solo performers, The Marsh's specialty has been hailed by the *San Francisco Chronicle* as "solo performances that celebrate the power of storytelling at its simplest and purest." The *East Bay Times* named The Marsh one of Bay Area's best intimate theaters, calling it "one of the most thriving solo theaters in the nation. The live theatrical energy is simply irresistible."

### FOR CALENDAR EDITORS

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**WHEN:** 2pm, January 14, 20 & 21, 2018

**WHERE:** **The Marsh Berkeley**  
2120 Allston Way, Berkeley

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**TICKETS:** \$15-35 Sliding Scale, \$55-\$100 Reserved

**INFO:** For tickets, please visit [www.themarsh.org](http://www.themarsh.org) or call 415-282-3055

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