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**WHAT:** Altarena Playhouse presents *Come Back, Little Sheba*, a play by William Inge, directed by Dana Anderson

**WHEN:** May 24- June 23, 2019; Fridays & Saturdays 8pm, Sundays 2pm.  
Thursday June 20 at 8:00 PM (Special PRIDE Night performance).

**WHERE:** Altarena Playhouse, 1409 High St., Alameda, convenient to public transit

**TICKET PRICES:** \$30 for adults / \$27 for students and seniors. Tickets available at [www.altarena.org](http://www.altarena.org), (510) 523-1553. Group discounts are available: contact [boxoffice@altarena.org](mailto:boxoffice@altarena.org) for details

This Tony award-winning play peels back the layers of a loveless marriage, exposing the weight of the past. Doc and Lola (played by Ron Cook and Bonnie DeChant) are stuck together in a small mid-western town, having long ago resigned themselves to disappointment. When a young female student, Marie (Monique Borses) joins them as a boarder, she forces them to face their fears and the toll their mutually caused pain has taken on each other.

The remainder of the cast is made up of a mix of familiar Altarena faces as well as new actors to the Altarena stage: Patrick Glenn, Emily McMahon, Kyle Burgess, Laszlo Horner, Nate Erb and Ted Barker.

A dark and probing exploration of the effect of stasis and substance abuse has on a marriage, *Come Back, Little Sheba* was the first play by award winner William Inge and gave Shelley Booth the role of a lifetime earning her a Best Actress Tony Award and subsequently a Best Actress Academy Award for reprising the role on film.

Altarena's production promises to bring tears to our audience's eyes. Director, Dana Anderson, has made it his goal to use Altarena's unique physical space to personalize the viewing experience of audience members. In his words, "staging this production in the round will make it more like the audience is in their living space."

For press tickets, interviews with the director and/or cast members, and more information please contact: Christopher Ciabattoni at [publicity@altarena.org](mailto:publicity@altarena.org).

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