



Falcon Theatre
Presents
A Dog Named Fish production of
Fellowship!

A Musical Parody of *The Fellowship of the Ring*

Directed by **Joel McCrary**

Book by **Kelly Holden-Bashar and Joel McCrary**

Music by **Allen Simpson** Lyrics by **Everybody**

Previews begin June 4 for the 6-Week Engagement

OPENS Saturday, June 6 at 8PM

April 17, 2009, Burbank, CA – The Falcon Theatre presents A Dog Named Fish production of *Fellowship!*, a musical parody of “*The Fellowship of the Ring*.” Written by **Kelly Holden-Bashar** and **Joel McCrary** with music by **Allen Simpson**, **Joel McCrary** directs nine of the world’s best improvisers in this Broadway style musical for Middle-earth. The entire original cast from the award-winning 2005 production is returning, which includes Brian D. Bradley (*Mad TV* writer), Lisa Fredrickson, Kelly Holden-Bashar, Edi Patterson (Groundlings, David Spade's *Show Biz Show*), Steve Purnick, Cory Rouse, Ryan Smith (*Mad TV* writer), Peter Allen Vogt (*Hannah Montana*, *Cath & Kim*) and Matthew Stephen Young.

This wild, hilarious jaunt through Tolkien’s fantasy world gives fans all their favorite characters from the films and books, with one big difference - they're funny. *Fellowship!* features twelve original songs, from the over-the-top opening number with barefooted tap-dancing Hobbits, to an elf-on-human ‘80s power ballad with a live guitar solo performed by the rightful heir of Gondor. In another song, the Balrog (a terrifying creature of shadow and flame) performs a sequin-studded New York cabaret number.

For its premiere in 2005, *Fellowship!* won Musical of the Year and Best Comedy Ensemble at the LA Weekly Awards. The show was recognized by many papers in and around the LA area with such honors as Critic's Pick, Best Bet, and Pick of the Week.

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PREVIEWS:	June 4 & 5 at 8pm, June 6 at 4pm		
OPENING NIGHT:	Saturday, June 6 at 8pm		
SHOW CLOSES:	Sunday, July 12 at 4pm		
PERFORMANCES	Thurs. - Sat. at 8pm, Sat. & Sun. at 4pm No shows on Saturday, July 4		
PRICES	Previews/Students	\$25.00	
	Opening Night	\$40.00 – \$45.00	
	Weekdays (Thurs)	\$27.50 – \$30.00	
	Weekends (Fri/Sat/Sun)	\$32.50 – \$35.00	
	Group Rates Available		

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Kelly Holden-Bashar (Playwright) co-wrote the hit holiday show, *Who's Afraid Of Christmas at Virginia Woolf's?* She helped create and starred in the Rita Rudner produced comedy *BOO* in Las Vegas. Kelly has written shows for many companies, including Walt Disney World, Kodak, New York- New York Hotel and Casino, Savers and Miller beer. She appeared on television most recently in *Gilmore Girls*, *Pepper Dennis*, and *World Cup Comedy* and can be seen in national commercials. Kelly performs improv with many companies in LA, including Comedysportz, and was a frequent guest star with the Houseful of Honkeys. For the last three years she has been working on her biggest production...motherhood.

Joel McCrary (Playwright/Director/Producer) is the co-writer, director, and producer of *Fellowship! The Musical Parody of "The Fellowship of the Ring"* (winner of LA Weekly's Best Musical of 2005 and Best Comedy Ensemble). He wrote and directed live events for MTV (including *Singled Out! Live!*) and several live shows for Nickelodeon (including *Mega-Messa-Mania*). For three years, Joel wrote, directed and produced shows for Knott's Scary Farm. For five years, he wrote and directed (and was a founding member) at the award-winning SAK Theatre Comedy Lab. He is an original (writing and performing) member of the critically acclaimed comedy/improv group Houseful of Honkeys. Joel was a co-creator and director of Inflatable Betty's improv/comedy shows *Truth or Dare* and *The Rainbow Squad Rides Again*. Joel was an actor/writer for the Honkey's ABC pilot *Out There*. He was an actor/writer for *The Wayne Brady Show* and and for a variety/sketch pilot starring Wayne Brady for ABC. See <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0566906/> for Joel's acting credits. **As a writing team, Kelly and Joel** have written for the sketch comedy pilot *Chucklehead* for Broadway Video. They both spent three years writing for the hit live sketch show *Trendy Britches* and worked together on the critically acclaimed comedy/improv show *You Bet Your Honkey*, which ran for 5 years at the ACME Comedy Theater. They performed on World Cup Comedy for the Pax Network and were recently writers for *Places Please*, a half-hour comedy for Hamilton Productions. Joel and Kelly developed *Blank The Musical* (musical parody of TV and Movies) for New Line Television.

Allen Simpson (Composer) is the composer and co-lyricist for *Fellowship!* He recently wrote songs for the film *An American Carol*, directed by David Zucker (*Airplane!*, *Police Squad!*). Allen has created music for the *The Sarah Silverman Program*, VH-1's *Acceptable TV* and the DVD for Jack Black's *Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny*. Allen's had music on *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve*, ABC's *The Wayne Brady Show* and was the improv keyboardist for the *Wayne Brady & Friends* national tour for three years. In LA, he plays for many comedy groups such as Comedysportz, Impro Theatre, Second City, IO West and, occasionally, The Groundlings.

The Falcon Theatre is a 130-seat performing arts space located in the Burbank, California media district. Built by Director/Writer/Producer Garry Marshall and his daughter Kathleen Marshall, the Falcon offers a 5-play subscription series from August through April, in addition to family shows in the summer. The Falcon Theatre is located at 4252 Riverside Drive in Burbank, California. www.FalconTheatre.com