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# **Theatre Rhinoceros announces**

FALLIN

August 29 – September 15, 2024 John Fisher and Raye Goh save the world again in new queer "buddy spy" play

August 19, 2024, San Francisco – Theatre Rhinoceros, the longest-running LGBTQIA+ theatre anywhere, opens their 2024-25 season with John Fisher's *FALLIN*, a sequel to last season's *BILLY*. The show centers a pair of global superspies (played by Fisher and non-binary actor Raye Goh), a generation apart in age and united by their queerness, tasked with saving the world from imminent destruction - again.

Evil forces are in play – climate change, extreme weather, nefarious politicians, rogue nations - and Day, a young Lieutenant (Goh), and The Colonel (Fisher), a seasoned pro, are the Special Forces who must restore order to a planet broken by greed and power struggles. From New York to Hawaii to North Korea, from the skies to the depths of the ocean to the Metropolitan Opera, they are a fist-toting dynamic duo determined to preserve freedom, while resisting all attempts to pigeonhole or trap them.

John Fisher, the GLAAD and Will Glickman Award Winning playwright of *BILLY, MEDEA THE MUSICAL*, and many other gems of contemporary queer theatre, writes and directs.

# **Calendar Editors**

What:	FALLIN
When:	August 29 – September 15, 2024
Where:	Theatre Rhinoceros, 4229 18th St., San Francisco, CA 94114 Castro Street MUNI Station; F Market, 33 Stanyan, 24 Divisadero Streetcar and Bus Lines
TIX:	https://therhino.audience1st.com/store/8?what=Regular+Show \$35 Full/\$17.50 Discount
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**John Fisher** (Author, Director, "The Colonel") enjoyed an eight-month run of his show A HISTORY OF WORLD WAR II at The Marsh, after playing two successful runs of the show in Manhattan (United Solo Festival/Theatre Row – Best Actor Award - and Pangea Performance Venue) and another in Los Angeles (The Broadwater.) He is a two-time winner of the Will Glickman Playwright Award, as well as being a recipient of the GLAAD Media Award, the Theatre Bay Area Award, two Cable Car Awards, The Bay Guardian Goldie Award, the BackStage West Garland Award, and seven Critics' Circle Awards. His plays include the award-winning ACTION HERO, SHAKESPEARE GOES TO WAR, TO SLEEP AND DREAM, COMBAT!, and MEDEA, THE MUSICAL, soon to open Off-Broadway at the Actors' Temple, Manhattan.

**Raye Goh** ("Day") is a queer and neuroqueering Asian-American performer born and raised in San Francisco, the unceded homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples. They have performed in dance productions with Kruciaal Element Dance Company in San Diego and OngDance Company in the Bay Area. Raye's theatre journey began with stage managing John Fisher's *The History of World War II*, and they are excited to return to the Special Forces saga as Lieutenant Day.

**Theatre Rhinoceros** was founded in 1977 and is the longest running LGBTQ+ theatre in the nation. We develop and produce works of theatre that enlighten, enrich, and explore both the ordinary and the extraordinary aspects of our queer community. Our emphasis is on new works, works about underrepresented members of the larger queer community, and revivals of lesser known queer classics. Over the years Theatre Rhinoceros has received many awards of recognition including: Theatre Rhinoceros Day in the City Proclamation from Mayor Gavin Newsom, State Assembly Certificate of Recognition from Senator Mark Leno, recognitions from Congressperson Nancy Pelosi and Assembly Persons Tom Ammiano and Carole Migden, numerous Cable Car, BATCC and TBA Awards and Nominations, and the GLAAD Media Award for Best LGBT Theatre.

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### 30 seconds

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#### 1 minute

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