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**Marin Shakespeare Company's
Returned Citizens Theater Troupe Presents:**

Stories of Big Ben: Journey from Addiction to Healing

A Free Virtual Performance, Sunday, June 5 at 7:30 pm

SAN RAFAEL, CA - Marin Shakespeare Company's Returned Citizens Theater Troupe is proud to present an original piece directed by Suraya Keating. The performance will be presented to the public, free of charge, via zoom on Sunday, June 5th at 7:30 pm. *Stories of Big Ben: Journey from Addiction to Healing* is an original play, co-created by Tony Cyprien, Pamela Ann Keane, William Palmer, Markelle Taylor and Suraya Keating. The piece invites the audience to step into the shoes of three different men, all of whom have experienced trauma and addiction in their past, and all of whom have survived incarceration, as they move into a place of inner and outer freedom. Join us for a poignant, heartwarming and inspiring story that speaks to the resilience of the human spirit to rise from conditions of oppression, despair and the intergenerational chain of pain that affects the lives of so many.

Since 2015, Marin Shakespeare Company's Returned Citizens Theatre Troupe has given actors who have survived incarceration opportunities to continue their study of theatre and acting, to form a support group, and to tell stories of importance through theatre, generating deep community dialogue about some of the most pressing issues of our time. It is important to the leaders of this program and to Marin Shakespeare Company that these performers are paid for their time. Under the leadership of Suraya Keating, Marin Shakespeare Company's Shakespeare for Social Justice Director, the group shares their stories with the public in order to explore important issues that affect us all and have a positive impact on our world. The Returned Citizens Theater Troupe also performs at facilities that serve system-impacted youth.

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COST: Free

WHERE: Virtually, via zoom (<https://marinshakespeare.secure.force.com/ticket/#/instances/a0F3a00000lvwvZEAQ>)

WHEN: **[Sunday, June 5 at 7:30 pm](#)**

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WEBSITE: <https://marinshakespeare.secure.force.com/ticket/#/instances/a0F3a00000lvwvZEAQ>