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Santa Cruz Shakespeare presents *Venus in Fur* by David Ives

SCS presents a Tony award winning Broadway play with a play to Santa Cruz.

Santa Cruz, CA – Santa Cruz Shakespeare’s third production of the 2018 season festival is David Ives’ Tony Award-winning Broadway play, the comedic thriller *Venus in Fur*, directed by Raelle Myrick-Hodges. Seduction and dominance, trickery and lust power play in this wickedly smart comedy between a desperate director and a mysterious actress.

Venus in Fur opens on Friday, August 10 at 8:00 pm. All performances are at The Grove in DeLaveaga Park and run through September 2, 2018. The production features María Gabriela Rosado González as Vanda and Brian Ibsen as Thomas. Scenic design is by Erik Flatmo costume design by B. Modern, lighting design by Kent Dorsey, and sound design and composition by Festival favorite Rody Ortega.

Our 2018 lineup is about the consequences of trying to control love. The results of this control play out tragically, hilariously, and even sexually, but always with unexpected results. It is a season in which women refuse to be defined by the men around them or to play by their rules.”

Artistic Director Mike Ryan shares his excitement of the Festival season, saying, “This 2018 season is a love letter to our community. It is organized around the inspiration you have given to us: Desire will not be denied. I cannot think of a better way to celebrate our fifth-year anniversary than a season that exemplifies what we are all about: creating great art and building community in the process.

- WHAT:** *Venus in Fur*
By David Ives, directed by Raelle Myrick-Hodges
- WHEN:** Previews: August 7-9, Opening: August 10 playing through September 2
Pre-show discussion on August 9 at 7:00 pm
Post-show discussion on August 11 (after 2pm matinee)
- WHERE:** The Grove in DeLaveaga Park, 501 Upper Park Rd, Santa Cruz CA
- TICKETS:** **Online:** www.santacruzshakespeare.org/tickets
By Phone: 831-460-6399
Ticket Office Phone Hours: Tuesday–Friday 12:00 PM–5:00 PM
- TICKET PRICES:** \$25 - \$56 for single tickets.
Member tickets, group rates, student and senior discounts, and special preview prices are available.
\$25 Rush tickets are available one hour prior to performances.

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