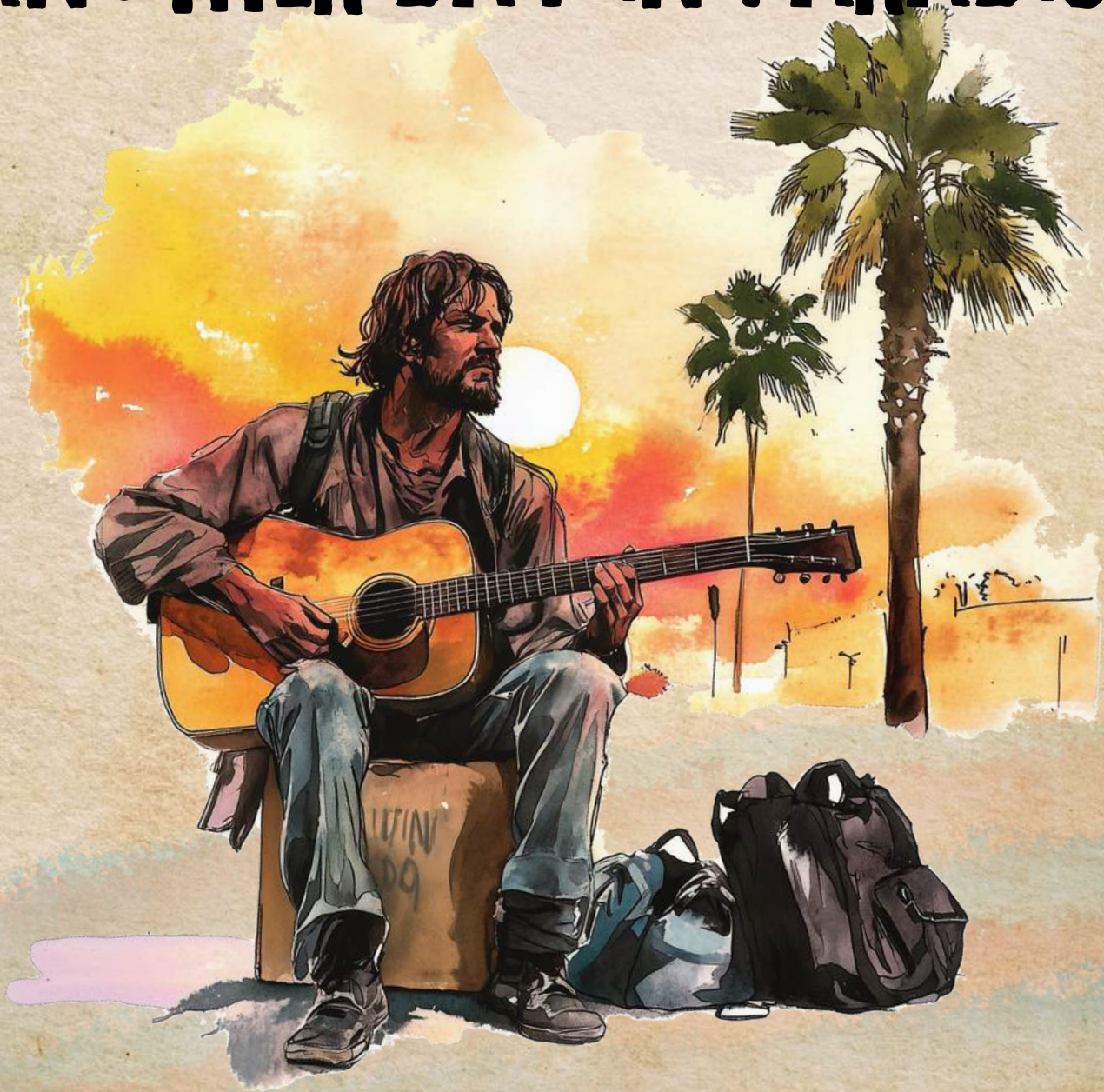


BLINDSPOT COLLECTIVE

presents

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE



A DOCUMENTARY MUSICAL

BASED ON THE EXACT WORDS AND REAL STORIES
OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN HOMELESS IN SAN DIEGO

NOVEMBER 14TH - 24TH, 2024

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CORONADO PLAYHOUSE

THE CAST



JASPER CAPALAD..... JUNIOR/EDDIE
COLE CHINN..... DIEGO/OSCAR
JOSALYN ELISABETH..... JANELLE/CARINA
TASH GOMEZ..... BABY/MARIA
JOSIAH LOPEZ JIM/ALEX/BENNY
AIDEN MEYNDERT..... LUKE/WILL
NATHAN NONHOF..... MOSES/KIAN
VELVET TERESSA SALGADO..... TAMMY/KALI
DACARA SEWARD..... EVANGELINE/AMANDA

THE CREATIVE TEAM

BLAKE MCCARTY.....DIRECTOR/WRITER/RESEARCHER
SHELLINA HEFNER.....WRITER/RESEARCHER
TAYLOR LEHMKUHL.....COMPOSER/MUSIC DIRECTOR
ABI HOOD.....ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/RESEARCHER
HANNAH FREDERICK.....COSTUMES/RESEARCHER
KYLE WATERMAN.....SET DESIGNER
SIERRA SHREVES.....LIGHTING DESIGNER
COLE ATENCIO.....SOUND DESIGNER
HUNTER BROWN.....SOUND TECHNICIAN
DUANE MCGREGOR.....SCENIC PAINTER

THE BAND

STEVE JILKA.....BASS
MIKE REYES.....GUITAR
JULIAN STRAUS.....GUITAR
CHRIS REYES.....DRUMS

THE PROCESS

Creating *Another Day in Paradise* prioritized trust, dialogue, and empathy. Interviews were conducted with members of the unhoused community both in and outside of housing facilities, where interviewees shared their experiences, challenges, and hopes for the future. Participants were compensated for their time. Each conversation was recorded and transcribed to capture the exact language and speech patterns of participants, and those transcripts were used to create the characters you meet onstage. The result is this powerful piece of documentary theatre that portrays real-life struggles and resilience, giving voice, dignity, and authenticity to a community is often overlooked.

If you have any questions about our practices, feel free to reach out at info@blindspotcollective.org.

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to thank our incredible community members for their support and all of you for coming to witness this production.

A special thanks to the Coronado Playhouse, CCAE Theatricals, California Center for the Arts Escondido, Canyon Crest Academy, Noemi Bravo, Desha Crownover, Jansen Espares, Shawn Foote, Monique Gaffney, Sashank Kanchustambam, Joe Kao, Larry Kivett, Matt Lefebvre, Chris Martin, Jeannine Marquie, Lilia Porter, and Cas Shellum.



NOTE FROM THE CREATORS

Another Day in Paradise began with a simple mission: to listen and connect. We are a company dedicated to amplifying the voices of the unheard, and creating a piece that highlights our unhoused neighbors has been a passion project for us for a number of years. Thanks to the support of the WDC and the City of San Diego, this team set out to listen to their stories firsthand. The interviews we conducted were raw, honest, and deeply moving, and we knew that preserving their authenticity was critical. As our research process unfolded, we quickly realized that the correlation between trauma and homelessness was central to this story. As the script emerged, we chose to highlight the true, complex stories of our unhoused neighbors that speak to the complicated nature of our shared human experience.

Our goal with this piece is to bridge the gap between “us” and “them,” to illuminate the humanity, strength, and resilience that often remain unseen. Each story shared here is a testament to the individuals who allowed us into their lives, trusting us to tell their truths. We hope that *Another Day in Paradise* resonates with you, challenges your perceptions, and sparks conversations long after the curtain falls. Thank you for being part of this journey with us and for opening your heart to these voices.

Thank you for supporting live theater,
Blake & Shellina



about the company

Blindspot Collective's mission is to produce radically inclusive programming at the intersection of advocacy, education, and entertainment that cultivates and celebrates new work, emerging artists, diverse audiences, and fresh ideas. We create transformative theatre that amplifies marginalized voices, illuminates untold stories, and energizes vulnerable communities.

Blindspot Collective's work extends beyond traditional theatre, incorporating interactive performances, documentary-style pieces, and immersive productions that engage audiences on multiple levels.

By continually pushing the boundaries of what theatre can be, we reinforce its role as a vital artistic and social force, one that advocates for equity, challenges perceptions, and uplifts the stories that matter most to those who have too often been left unheard.



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and vulnerable communities



RESOURCES & WAYS TO HELP

For the last 31 months in a row, the number of people becoming homeless in san diego for the first time has exceeded the number of homeless citizens finding housing.



IN TANDEM WITH THIS PIECE, BLINDSPOT COLLECTIVE IS SEEKING DONATIONS OF CANNED OR PACKAGED FOOD (NON-REFRIGERATED) AND NEW OR GENTLY USED BACKPACKS AND BLANKETS

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 50 CARE PACKAGES TO BE HANDED OUT THIS MONTH TO OUR NEIGHBORS WHO CALL THE STREETS HOME.

BRING YOUR DONATION IN PERSON TO "ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE" OR EMAIL SHELLINA@BLINDSPOTCOLLECTIVE.ORG TO ARRANGE FOR PICKUP.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS AT RISK OF OR IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES CAN HELP:

- SAN DIEGO RESCUE MISSION
- PATHFINDERS OF SAN DIEGO
- RACHEL'S WOMEN'S CENTER
- ALPHA PROJECT
- THINKDIGNITY
- DOOR OF HOPE
- BROTHER BENNO'S
- VETERAN'S VILLAGE OF SAN DIEGO
- COMMUNITY SERVICES: 2-1-1

FOR ANYONE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS, OR NEEDING SUPPORT:

- THE SAN DIEGO LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER: 619-692-2077
- THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS: 858-272-5777
- SUICIDE AND CRISIS HOTLINE: 9-8-8
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE HOTLINE: 800-799-7233

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Serving San Diego County at multiple locations, San Diego Rescue Mission helps restore the lives of people experiencing homelessness, abuse, poverty or addiction through faith-based emergency services, residential rehabilitation programs, children's services, hunger relief efforts and community outreach.

Learn more at: sdrescue.org



PATHFINDERS
OF SAN DIEGO

Pathfinders of San Diego is committed to empowering individuals through support and resources that foster personal growth, stability, and community connection. The organization provides comprehensive programs and services to help people navigate life's challenges and achieve lasting positive change.

Learn more at: pathfindersofsd.org

THINK DIGNITY

Advance basic dignity for people experiencing homelessness through advocacy and innovation

Think Dignity is dedicated to advancing basic human rights and dignity for those experiencing homelessness. The organization provides programs such as ID banks, mobile showers, etc. and advocacy to support underserved individuals, fostering empowerment and systemic change.

Learn more at: thinkdignity.org

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