



## arts & entertainment news

### CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT



#### MARIAH CAREY

Mariah Carey is performing in Saudi Arabia for the first time, but there's a growing chorus of Saudi women calling on her to cancel the concert in support of detained women's rights activists.



#### ANNA PAQUIN

Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer first got together professionally and personally on "True Blood." Now they're working together again, except she's the star and executive producer and he's strictly an off-camera boss.



#### JAKE OWEN

Country music singer Jake Owen will perform a pre-race concert at the Daytona 500. Owen will take the stage ahead of the 61st running of the "Great American Race" at Daytona International Speedway on Feb. 17. Owen featured Daytona Beach in his 2013 hit "Beachin'."

#### OTTAWA, ONTARIO

### Canada Condemns Netflix for Using Rail Disaster Images

Canada's Parliament passed a motion Wednesday saying Netflix should compensate the people of Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, for using footage of the 2013 rail disaster in the post-apocalyptic survival film "Bird Box." The footage involved the disaster created when an unattended train carrying crude oil rolled down an incline, went off the tracks and exploded into a massive ball of fire, killing 47 people.

— The Associated Press

# The Studio Theatre to Present 'A Doll's House'

Henrick Ibsen's 1879 masterpiece will run from March 19 to April 28 at The Studio Theatre Tierra del Sol.

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The Studio Theatre Tierra del Sol closes Season 3 with its first truly classic play, complete with corsets and bustles.

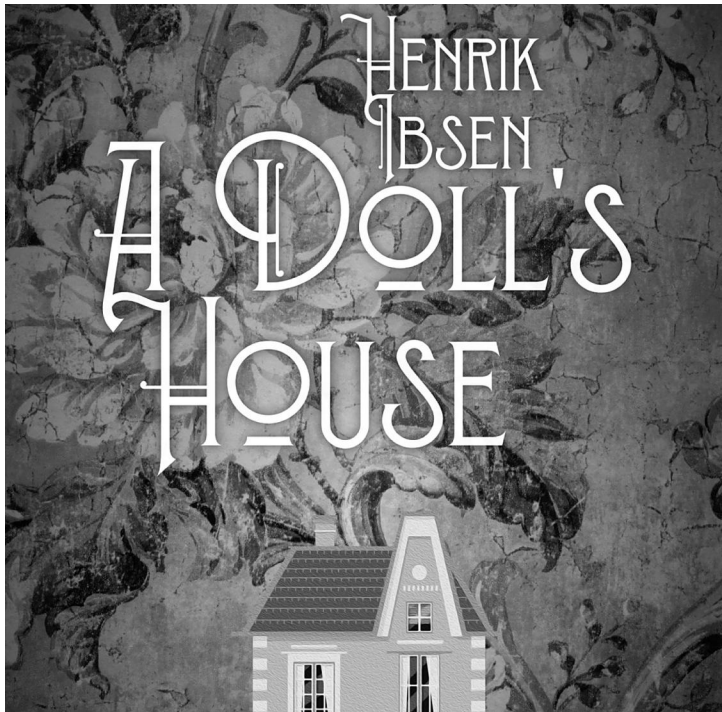
The show is Henrick Ibsen's 1879 masterpiece "A Doll's House," which will run from March 19 to April 28.

The play centers on married couple Nora and Torvald Helmer.

"Nora has a strongly guarded secret that she must keep from her husband," said Whitney Morse, who will play Nora. "She knows if he finds out, he will never forgive her."

Playing Torvald is Alex Jorth, who won The Studio's audience over with his portrayal of Alvin in the season opener, "The Story of My Life."

"Torvald is Nora's super-traditional husband," Jorth said. "He has worked hard to secure a comfortable position at the bank and is very happy to be able to comfortably provide for his wife and family. He is



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extremely concerned with the perceptions of others and seeks to guide and teach Nora in their relationship."

Even though it was written in the 1800s, it still is relevant today, according to the show's

director, Celine Rosenthal.

"I do believe that at our core, human beings are still very much the same," Rosenthal said. "And the negotiations, compromises, joys and failings of the Helmers' marriage in

many ways feels as though they could be happening today."

Morse said she hopes that the play will spark conversations that last for a long time after the final bow.

"When it was first produced, it was very controversial, and I think it still is to some extent today," Morse said. "I don't want to spoil anything, but the final moments of the play are truly shocking, and I think everyone will have a different reaction."

In fact, it caused so much outrage in its early years that it was banned in certain places.

"Actors refused to perform it as written," Jorth said. "Why wouldn't you want to see that?"

Rosenthal said that "A Doll's House" is a feminist literary classic with a capital F, but that should neither turn people on or off.

"If one focuses on this story less as a political idea and more as a humanist drama, a complex portrayal of a real relationship, not only is it more compelling, but we as viewers may more readily and naturally draw feminist conclusions from the play," she said.

At its core, it's a beautifully written and poignant masterpiece of theater.

"My true passion lies in helping actors sculpt the

portrayals of their characters," Rosenthal said. "Ibsen has offered us such rich language and multifaceted, flawed people to embody in the world of this play — and I think we have assembled such an exceptional group of performers."

Tickets for the show are \$35. They can be purchased online

at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location.

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