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## **Berkeley Playhouse Tony Awards Party Will Feature "San Francisco's Own" Broadway Star Sharon McNight**

**Event Is Free at Julia Morgan Center**

BERKELEY, CA - Berkeley Playhouse will roll out the red carpet for its first annual Tony Awards Party on June 13, 2010. The American Theatre Wing's 64th Annual Antoinette Perry "Tony"® Awards, which honor theatre professionals and distinguished achievement on Broadway, will be broadcast on the big screen on the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts stage. This free, all-ages event will be hosted by "San Francisco's Own" Broadway star Sharon McNight, who received a Tony nomination for Best Actress in a Musical for her role as "Diva" in "Starmites," (Best Musical nominee, 1989).



Miss McNight's performance on the 1989 telecast of the Tonys thrust her onto the national stage, and since then, she has enjoyed a career as a much sought-after cabaret performer, and recording artist. Her one-woman shows "Red Hot Mama" and "The Sophie Tucker Songbook" have been acclaimed by critics on both coasts. She has also been widely recognized for being an HIV/AIDS activist.

Pre-awards entertainment will begin at 7:00pm. Food and drinks will be available for sale, and an exciting raffle will benefit TheatreReach, the Berkeley Playhouse



educational outreach program. Theatre-related activities for youth and children will be held throughout the broadcast, along with special performances by Ms. McNight.

Learn more about Sharon McNight and reserve your free tickets online (tickets are free, but limited) at [www.berkeleyplayhouse.org](http://www.berkeleyplayhouse.org).

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The mission of The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts is to foster the development of an artistic community where children and youth create, experience and are transformed by the performing arts. Berkeley Playhouse, a program of The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, provides children and families with unique music theatre experiences. From classes and workshops to youth company performances to professional mainstage shows, Berkeley Playhouse provides something for everyone - from age 2 to 102. Beginning in 2009-2010, Berkeley Playhouse will make its permanent performance home at the Julia Morgan Center stage.



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