



SLO REP HOST HOME PROGRAM

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and artists at San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre, **THANK YOU** for your interest in SLO REP and consideration of our Host Home Program!

This document is intended to provide details about the program and what a Host may expect by generously providing housing for a visiting Guest Artist, and what a Guest Artist should expect from a Host Home. *If you can't find an answer to your questions here, please contact me!* - Kevin

SLO REP utilizes a long-standing Host Home Program, matching Guest Artists with area Hosts for the duration of their time working at the theatre. Past housing needs for Guest Artists have ranged from a few days to three months.

Host families become an integral part of a Guest Artist's experience at SLO REP and in San Luis Obispo when they welcome them into their home. Many host families and artists forge lasting friendships and stay in contact for years.

Host Homes also play a crucial role in keeping the Mission and Vision of SLO REP alive.

Mission Statement:

SLO REP strengthens theatre's cultural influence and enriches the Central Coast by producing professional theatre, nurturing artists and providing theatre education for children and adults.

Belief:

Live theatre's powerful storytelling connects people in ways that open the mind, nourish the soul and illuminate our shared humanity.

Vision:

To be a nationally recognized regional theatre that:

- Produces professional theatrical productions in a state-of-the-art facility.
- Strengthens the cultural vitality of the Central Coast, entertains audiences, nurtures artists, and cultivates future generations of theatre enthusiasts.
- Creates a strong and sustainable economic impact, attracting residents and visitors to downtown San Luis Obispo.

We are committed to bringing the best talent to our community from all over the nation, to provide the high standard of live entertainment that residents and visitors have come to expect from SLO REP.

The generous support of our Host Home participants makes it possible for our organization to achieve artistic and financial growth by helping our visiting Guest Artists feel at home in our community and making San Luis Obispo a place they would like to return.

The in-kind donation of part of your home can qualify for beneficial tax deductions. Though the amount and nature of any tax benefits must be assessed by the Host and their financial or tax advisor, Hosts will receive an acknowledgment from SLO REP with the details of the Guest Artist stay. For example:

"Those 50 days and nights of housing made a huge difference to SLO REP and to Cameron. If we had housed Cameron in a San Luis Obispo hotel or Airbnb home during that time, the cost would have been absolutely prohibitive, totaling as much as \$3,750.00 at the modest rate of \$75 per night! Thank you for sharing your home and yourselves."

If you would like to host an artist, we will schedule an appointment for a SLO REP representative to visit the property and answer any questions that you might have.

Thank you for considering being a Host - *we really couldn't do it without people like you!*

Sincerely,

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Host and Guest Artist Information and Agreements

- A SLO REP Guest Artist agrees to respect the guidelines of the Host Home.

Schedule

- Theatre Hours = Late Nights
Guest Artists' schedules are often different than other working professionals. They are frequently rehearsing or performing until 10 p.m., and may socialize afterward to 'wind down', affecting the time they arrive "home" at the end of the work day.
 - SLO REP Guest Artists agree to be courteous about late nights and to be quiet during night hours.
 - SLO REP Guest Artists are encouraged to communicate with Hosts about schedules.

- Arrival/Departure Dates
Specific arrival and departure dates of a GUEST ARTIST will be determined before an agreement is signed. These dates can be changed at any time by HOST HOMES.

- Communication between Host and Guest
Hosts may expect different things from their Guest Artists. Some Hosts have their guests come and go as they please, some like to have an idea when to expect their guests.
 - SLO REP Guest Artists are encouraged to communicate about schedules and other things that may affect the household.
 - Hosts are encouraged to communicate with Guest Artists about preferences that affect the household.
 - Feel free to ask for assistance in communication at any time.

Keys

- Host agrees to lend Guest Artist a key (or keys) for the duration of their stay.
- Guest Artist agrees to return key(s) upon departure.

Facilities

Host Homes agree to provide the following for the Guest Artist:

- A private room, with a door
- Access to a bathroom and a shower (private or shared)
- Sheets and towels
- Access to a kitchen, including appliances and utensils
- Refrigerator and freezer space
- Dry storage space to keep non-perishable food
- WiFi access

Laundry

A Host may offer a Guest Artist the use of their laundry facilities; it is not expected.

- If a Host offers use, the Guest Artist agrees to supply their own laundry detergent, fabric softener, etc.
- Hosts agree to inform Guest Artist how they would like sheets and towels washed. Guest Artist agrees to adhere to those wishes.

Clothing and Storage

Guest Artists will be bringing clothes and personal items to use for the duration of their contract.

- If Host Home does not have available dresser drawers and closet space, SLO REP agrees to provide plastic drawers and storage units for Guest Artist.

Food

Guest Artists will feed themselves with their own food.

- Guest Artists agree to clean up after themselves.
- If Hosts have a dishwasher, the Guest Artist may ask if they may use it and, if granted permission, Host agrees to explain how to use it and any preferences related to the machine.

Guests

Overnight guests

- Guest Artists agree never to ask to have a guest stay the night.
- An arrangement for a spouse/partner to spend the night may be made in the original agreement, before the Guest Artist arrives at the Host Home.
- If the Host feels comfortable, they may invite a Guest Artist's spouse, family member(s) or other visitor(s), to stay in their home. This is never expected and again, Guest Artists should not ask.

Non-overnight guests

- Guest Artists agree to ask and get permission to have another company member(s) or friend visit a Host's Home. Permission of Host may be granted or not.
- Communication is, again, encouraged.

Cleaning

- SLO REP encourages an open-door policy for Guest Artists; the room(s) used by Guest Artists should look nice enough to leave the door open.
- Hosts agree to provide clean accommodations for Guest Artists upon arrival.
- Guest Artists agree to keep the Host accommodations and any shared spaces clean and tidy.
- Hosts may follow a special cleaning schedule; Guest Artists agree to adhere to any cleaning guidelines hosts create.

Privacy

Good Host/Guest relationships are built upon understanding and a strong respect for personal privacy.

- Hosts are generously offering their homes to someone who may be a stranger to them. They have routines, possibly jobs and family, and will continue their life as normal while the Guest Artist is in their home.
- Guest Artists are away from their own home, possibly in a town they have never visited, as a guest in the home of someone who may be a stranger to them. When rehearsing they are working long, focused days on a project that has a rapidly approaching deadline. When in performance they develop a necessary routine that will support their health and stamina for the duration of their contract.
 - Hosts and Guest Artists are encouraged to communicate their needs to each other and not take things personally.
 - Guest Artist agrees to be aware of the Host Home environment and the effect of their schedule on it.
 - Host agrees to be aware of the Guest Artist's varying schedule and allow them privacy when working and sleeping.

Host Home Benefits

- * Host Homes will receive a minimum of four (4) complimentary tickets to any SLO REP season production, or two (2) for special fundraising productions. Additional tickets are certainly possible by request, based on availability.
- * Hosts also receive SLO REP donor benefits, including acknowledgement in the SLO REP playbill, invitations to special events and concierge ticketing assistance.

Contact SLO REP

If the Host or Guest Artist:

- has questions with regard to the agreement or the Host Home Program.
- would like aide with communication, clarifying expectations or anything else.
- has questions, concerns or suggestions of any kind.
- wants to talk about their experience.
- Anytime!