



Ojai Youth Entertainers Studio

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Greetings,

Jeffrey Scharf came to us early in 2012 with the hopes of producing his two-act musical, *Reunions*. After perusing the book and score, we were convinced that it was the type of production that would work well in our small theater and for our audience.

*Reunions* was produced at the Ojai Youth Entertainers Studio in June of 2012 with the production assistance of Joan Kemper. The show was staged six times over the course of two weekends. Four of the six performances were sell-outs.

Having recently taken over at the former Theater 150, we were concerned that staging theater for adult audiences might be a challenge as the community perceived us as a children's theater company. *Reunions* was a smash. Not only did we turn audience away at the box office, we received phone calls for a number of weeks requesting additional performances.

The show is both poignantly touching and often very funny. The casting—handled by Jeffrey and Music Director Jimmy Calire—was perfect. The orchestra consisted of six pieces and Calire's arrangements were a custom fit for our space.

I must also note that the professional demeanor of Jeffrey and his team was beyond what we expected from a production that was cast, rehearsed, and staged in a matter of weeks. I can say without hesitation that the *Reunions* cast and crew performed like the pros they are.

I can heartily recommend *Reunions* to any company looking to stage a new musical that is sure to resonate with any adult audience. The stories are moving and the music is delightful.

Regards,

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