## Welcome to CAP UCLA's 2025-26 season

Throughout history, in moments of uncertainty and transformation, it is the arts that have helped us hold the line – and imagine the horizon. As we move through a shifting political and cultural landscape, we return to the stage not only to reflect, but to lead.

Artists have long been the truth-tellers, the visionaries, the builders of bridges where none existed. In the face of fear or division, they light the way forward – sparking dialogue, resisting silence, and creating the emotional commons where we rediscover our shared humanity. Art doesn't just document history – it shapes it. It asks bold questions. It offers sanctuary. And it dares us to dream.

For our 2025-26 season, CAP UCLA invites you into a radical act of gathering across 30 performances with more than 100 artists from around the globe. Imagine a world where strangers become companions in belonging, where performance becomes public square, and where artistic voices help us build a more compassionate and courageous society.

This season is more than a series of performances – it is a call to community. Exciting new theater, revolutionary music, and dance remind us that unity is not an ideal – it is an act. The stage becomes our platform, our laboratory, our refuge. Here, we witness. We reckon. We rejoice.

Even in tumultuous times – especially in those times – art meets the moment. And so do we.

With hope and imagination,

Edgar Miramontes Executive and Artistic Director UCLA's Center for the Art of Performance

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