



A 35 YEAR LOVE LETTER TO LOS ANGELES

35 YEARS IN THE MAKING

In 1991, Geoff Elliott and Julia Rodriguez-Elliott withdrew the last \$3,000 from their bank account to stage William Shakespeare's *Hamlet* at a time when classical theatre was rarely produced in Southern California. It was a leap of faith fueled not by certainty, but by a belief that Los Angeles deserved a home for world-class classical theatre.

Thirty-five years later, that leap has become one of Southern California's leading cultural institutions. Now located at its permanent home in a beautifully restored mid-century modern theatre in Pasadena, A Noise Within has produced more than 250 plays, welcomed generations of artists and audiences through its doors, and inspired thousands of students through its acclaimed education programs that welcome more than 18,000 students every year.

As A Noise Within celebrates its 35th Anniversary Season, they reflect not only on their past, but on the urgent call of the times we live in. This milestone season, themed "Those Better Angels," draws inspiration from Abraham Lincoln's enduring call to our better nature, a reminder that kindness and compassion light the way forward.

For 35 years, A Noise Within has been more than a theatre. It has been a love letter to Los Angeles, addressed to the artists who built careers here, the students discovering the classics for the first time, and the audiences who gather in the dark. Here, they have learned that the world's greatest stories still have the power to surprise us, challenge us, and bring us together.

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Photos by Craig Schwartz. (Header) Kelly Ehler, Abigail Marks, and Jessie Losch in *Eurydice*. (Above) 1 - Cast of *A Man of No Importance*. 2 - Roshni Shukla, Mildred Marie Langford, and Joy DeMichelle in *Macbeth*. 3 - Cast of *The Skin of our Teeth*.

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Photos by Craig Schwartz. (Above) 1 - Kasey Mahaffy in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. 2 - Cast of *Metamorphoses*. 3 - Veralyn Jones and Alex Morris in *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*. 4 - Anthony Adu in *A Christmas Carol*. (Right) Rafael Goldstein in *Metamorphoses*.

ABOUT US

A hidden gem in Pasadena, A Noise Within is a leading regional theatre company producing classic plays.

Described by the Los Angeles Times as "an oasis for those who love classic stories," A Noise Within is committed to bringing to life classic theatre with a touch of modern magic.

THEN AND NOW

From our beginnings in a Masonic Temple in Glendale to our beautiful permanent home in Pasadena, A Noise Within now boasts a 30,000 square-foot facility, 324-seat theatre and thrust stage, rehearsal space, scene, costume shops, and more!

OUR 2026-27 SEASON

August Wilson's

MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM

August 23 - September 20, 2026

COME FROM AWAY

Book, Music, and Lyrics by

Irene Sankoff and David Hein

October 4 - November 1, 2026

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

By Charles Dickens

Adapted for the stage by Geoff Elliott

November 28 - December 24, 2026

AS YOU LIKE IT

By William Shakespeare

February 7 - March 7, 2027

Charles Dickens'

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

By Neil Bartlett

March 21 - April 18, 2027

TROUBLE IN MIND

By Alice Childress

May 2 - May 30, 2027



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