

Provisional Theatre of Los Angeles to perform "Voice of the People

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The Provisional Theatre of Los Angeles will perform "Voice of the People, Part II," a "hidden history of the United States," at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, in the Mandeville Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

"The Provisional Theatre is better seen than written about," wrote one critic in New Mexico. "'Voice of the People' offers an unromantic, antiglamorous look at American history . . . the story of the human desire for simple things like freedom, honest work and principles to believe in while struggling against the forces of money, greed, speculation and selfishness."

"Voice of the People: is an alternative look at history utilizing documented source materials, traditional songs and the theatrical devices of folk art such --as puppetry and mime. Each part of the play is self-contained.

Part II, which will be performed in ensemble style at UC San Diego, tells the country's tale from the Reconstruction Period to the present day. It portrays the growth of the labor movement (focusing on the life of Eugene Debs), our involvement in the two world wars, the impact of the Depression on an ordinary American Family, the struggles of the 1960s and the uncertainties of the 1970s. Through the words and songs of miners, railroad workers, farmworkers, people out of work and many others, it is a chronology of hopes and aspirations and ends with a positive feeling, one full of spirit and potential.

The Provisional Theatre's UC San Diego appearance is sponsored cooperatively by the UC San Diego Department of Drama, the Office of University Events and the California Arts Council. Tickets are \$2 for UC San Diego students and \$3 for general admission and may be purchased at the UCSD Central Box Office (452-4559).

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