A vision for our theater.
A vision for our community.

Cal Shakes creates theater that reveals our shared humanity—plays that are, in the words of Artistic Director Jonathan Moscone, “complex, gnarly, joyous, poetic expressions of everything it means to be alive.”

For 35 years, we have reimagined Shakespeare and the classics for today’s world, bringing brilliant actors and talented artisans to the Bay Area’s vibrant audiences. We have created a community through our performances, our year-round educational programs, and the unsurpassed beauty of our home—the Bruns Amphitheater, a magnificent, open-air treasure that welcomes and inspires all.

But as our company thrives, we face an enormous challenge: Our physical infrastructure is outmoded, insufficient, and urgently in need of attention.

Years of steady use and seasonal exposure have taken a tremendous toll. Today, deteriorating buildings and infrastructure installed 18 years ago—much of it intended to be temporary—have become virtually untenable.

We have now put in place a visionary plan to renovate the Bruns and its surrounding campus. Building for the Future: The Cal Shakes Campaign begins with an $8.2 million first phase intended to rebuild our home in a way that is environmentally sustainable and designed to last. The campaign allows us to sustain our creative work in the communities we serve, bringing Shakespeare and the classics to a diverse population hungry for theater that is relevant to their lives—not just now, but far into the future.

JOIN US AS WE MAKE THIS VISION A REALITY.
Imagine the theater we can make.

The Building for the Future Campaign represents a new level of possibility for creativity, connection, and growth.

**PHASE ONE** of our master plan includes:

- A 7,000-plus-square-foot patron and artist center, topped with a “living roof” that replaces seven outdated trailers and features energy-efficient dressing rooms, a wardrobe area, a green room, vital storage space, an expanded café, and a theater store.
- 31 much-needed new restrooms.
- Regrading the Bruns site to create a spacious central plaza for people to gather.
- An enlarged access road behind the theater, adding crucial space for loading scenery.
- Installing sustainable infrastructure to improve mechanical, electrical, water, and sewage systems.
- A working capital reserve of $700,000 to ensure financial stability.

**PHASE TWO** will focus on the amphitheater: replacing our stage, upgrading lighting and sound systems, and increasing patron comfort with permanent seating and additional protection from the elements.

These improvements are the foundation of our vision to build a sustainable culture of theater artists in the Bay Area.

The vision is clear. The moment is now.

For 35 years, the great generosity and loyalty of Cal Shakes’ donors have sustained our vision. You’ve supported us as we’ve removed barriers and made the classics relevant for everyone, regardless of age, circumstance, or background. Today, we ask you to support this visionary campaign.

Your campaign gift can be tailored to meet your needs. We welcome cash and credit card, pledges (up to three years), and stock gifts. To discuss recognition opportunities and the tax benefits of your gift, please contact Director of Development Jim Huntley at 510.548.3422 x112.

It’s time to act.