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STAGE

(Inside) the Season: The L.A. County Arts Commission has announced the first season of (Inside) at the Ford, a subsidized theater rental program using newly renovated space on the lower level of the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre (the former home of the Taper Too, which is returning to Burbank's Falcon Theatre). The season will include a new version of Gilbert & Sullivan's opera "Patience" by the Antaeus Company (Nov. 5-Dec. 20); the world premiere production of "Riga," a play by William M. Hoffman, mounted by Venture West Theatre Company (Jan. 4-Feb. 27); and an all-female, multicultural production of "King Lear" by the L.A. Women's Shakespeare Company. (Inside) at the Ford was designed to address the shortage of affordable rental spaces for theater companies without permanent homes.