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**Rick Najera Performs in New Comedy DADDY DIARIES @
San Diego Rep - Tuesday, January 27, 2009**

*San Diego Repertory Theatre and Award-Winning Writer/Actor Rick Najera Introduce
Special Workshop Performance of New Latino-style Fatherhood Comedy DADDY
DIARIES One Night Only Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7pm*

SAN DIEGO (January 6, 2009) – San Diego REPertory Theatre will present a one-night only special workshop performance of actor/writer and native San Diegan RICK NAJERA's new comedy, DADDY DIARIES on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7pm. A local favorite, RICK NAJERA is an award-winning playwright and the father of three young children, including a one year old. DADDY DIARIES explores life as a father through his eccentric and comedic point of view.

San Diego REP has previously hosted Najera's four original productions, A Quiet Love, Latins Anonymous, Latinologues and Sweet 15 Quinceañera. DADDY DIARIES is written and performed by RICK NAJERA and directed by GARY BLUMSACK.

"A new play from Rick Najera is always of immediate interest to San Diego REP. We are thrilled to once again host Najera's unique comic point of view and talent on our stage," said San Diego REP Artistic Director SAM WOODHOUSE.

RICK NAJERA is the writer of the current feature film in theatres nationwide, NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS starring John Leguizamo, Debra Messing and Freddy Rodriguez. Najera, an established playwright and award-winning writer/actor/director/producer, is one of the most produced Latino playwrights in the country. His nationally recognized play Latinologues ran on Broadway for 137 performances, a historical achievement for a Latino-oriented show.

Najera has been honored twice by Hispanic Magazine as "100 Most Influential Latinos in America" and is currently Executive Vice President of Development for MioTV and co-creator of KartoonTV.com. His writing credits include comedies such as MAD TV and In Living Color.

The one-night only performance of Rick Najera's DADDY DIARIES will take place on Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. at The Lyceum Theatre (79 Horton Plaza, San Diego). Tickets are \$15 each or two for \$25 and available at REP's box office, 619-544-1000, or online at www.sdrep.org.

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