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**RON RIFKIN AND RICHARD THOMAS TO STAR IN WORLD PREMIERE OF *CAMP DAVID*  
AND LEVI KREIS JOINS CAST OF *SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE – THE SONGS OF LEIBER AND STOLLER*  
AS PART OF ARENA STAGE'S 2013-14 SEASON**

Tony Award winner **Ron Rifkin** (*Alias*, Broadway's *Cabaret*) and Emmy Award winner **Richard Thomas** (*The Waltons*) will star in the world premiere historical drama [Camp David](#) at Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater as Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Jimmy Carter, respectively. Penned by Pulitzer Prize winner **Lawrence Wright** and under the direction of Artistic Director **Molly Smith**, *Camp David* runs March 21-May 4, 2014 in the Kreeger Theater.

Tony Award winner and recording artist **Levi Kreis** (Broadway's *Million Dollar Quartet*) joins the previously announced **E. Faye Butler** and **Nova Y. Payton** in the rock, rhythm and blues revue [Smokey Joe's Café – The Songs of Leiber and Stoller](#). Directed by **Randy Johnson** (Broadway's *A Night with Janis Joplin*), the production runs April 25-June 8, 2014 in the Fichandler Stage.

Additional casting for *Camp David* and *Smokey Joe's Café – The Songs of Leiber and Stoller* will be announced at a later date. For complete season information, visit [arenastage.org/shows-tickets/the-season](http://arenastage.org/shows-tickets/the-season) or e-mail [press@arenastage.org](mailto:press@arenastage.org).

**Ron Rifkin** received the Tony Award for his performance in the Broadway revival of *Cabaret*. Additional Broadway credits include *Wrong Mountain*, *A Month in the Country* and *Broken Glass*. He originated the role of Isaac Geldhart in Jon Robin Baitz's *Substance of Fire* and was recently seen off-Broadway in *The Twenty-Seventh Man* and *The Paris Letter*. Film credits include *The Words*, *Peep World*, *The Sum of All Fears*, *Dragonfly*, *The Majestic*, *Boiler Room*, *Keeping the Faith*, *The Negotiator*, *L.A. Confidential*, *Husbands and Wives*, *Manhattan Murder Mystery*, *Last Summer in the Hamptons*, *Wolf* and *JFK*. Ron starred as Arvin Sloane on ABC's *Alias* and as Saul Holden on ABC's *Brothers & Sisters*. Additional TV credits include *Law & Order: SVU*, *One Day at a Time*, *The Trials of Rosie O'Neill*, *Sex and the City*, *ER*, *Nero Wolfe* and *The Outer Limits*.

**Richard Thomas** received an Emmy Award for his role as John Boy on the TV series *The Waltons*. He was recently seen on Broadway in *An Enemy of the People* and *Race*. Richard's theater career began at age seven on Broadway with *Sunrise at Campobello* and has continued with such shows as *Fifth of July*, *The Seagull*, *The Front Page*, *Tiny Alice*, *Peer Gynt*, *Richard II*, *Richard III*, *Hamlet*, *The Stendhal Syndrome*, *Democracy* and *A Naked Girl on the Appian Way*. He is currently appearing on the hit FX series *The Americans* and previously appeared on *Just Cause*, *It's a Miracle* and *Swiss Family Robinson*. Film credits include *The Wonder Boys*, *Battle Beyond the Stars*, *The Todd Killings*, *Red Sky at Morning* and *Taking Woodstock*.

**Levi Kreis** received the 2010 Tony Award for Best Featured Actor in a Musical for originating the role of Jerry Lee Lewis in *Million Dollar Quartet*. He is an Outer Critics Circle Award winner, a Drama League Award winner and a Jeff Award nominee. Levi starred as George in the musical *One Red Flower*, written and directed by Emmy Award winner Paris Barclay, played Roger in *Rent* (Benny Company) and has starred in several films, most notably as Fentin Meeks in Bill Paxton's directorial debut *Frailty*. As a singer/songwriter, Levi's music has been featured on major TV shows including *The Vampire Diaries*, *Sons of Anarchy* and *The Apprentice*.

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