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**The Butterfly Effect:  
An All-Star Gala Benefiting  
the Jeffrey Hartgraves Cancer Fund  
Sun., April 20, 2008  
One Night Only!  
Theatre Rhinoceros in San Francisco**

**SF Stage Favorites Unite To Aid One of Their Own**

Well-known Bay Area talents **Veronica Klaus, Matthew Martin, Connie Champagne, Leigh Crow, Trauma Flintstone** and other San Francisco stage luminaries will gather on **Sunday, April 20 at 7:30 pm** on Theatre Rhinoceros' main stage for ***The Butterfly Effect: An All-Star Gala Benefiting the Jeffrey Hartgraves Cancer Fund.***

Frequent Hartgraves collaborator **Leon Acord** will host the evening, in collaboration with Theatre Rhino. A Silent Auction will be included as part of the evening's festivities. **Theatre Rhino is at 2926 16th St.** (@ Mission & South Van Ness). **Tickets** are \$25 and can be obtained at [www.therhino.org](http://www.therhino.org) or [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) or by calling the Rhino Box Office at 415/ 861-5079.

**Jeffrey Hartgraves**, a deeply valued veteran of Bay Area theatre as a playwright, director, and actor, was diagnosed with bone cancer in 2005. Following a year of remission -- during which he wrote and starred in his critically acclaimed "very nearly solo show" ***Shark Bites*** at The Rhino and published a collection of essays entitled ***Bone Matters*** – **Hartgraves is now back on another round of painful chemotherapy, making it difficult to make ends meet.**

"It takes a lot of cash to kick cancer's ass," says Acord, who is also co-producing the evening. Acord and Hartgraves co-produced and co-starred in 2002's hit ***Carved in Stone*** at Eureka

Theatre, among other collaborations, before Acord moved to LA in 2004. “Jeffrey has given me the greatest moments of my stage career. I’m really thrilled to repay him for his generosity, inspiration and friendship.”

Hartgraves’ long list of theatre successes at Theatre Rhino include: co-writing and directing the hit ***Family Jewels: The Making of Veronica Klaus***; directing and acting in ***Single Spies*** and ***Worse Than Chocolate***; acting in ***Amnesia***, ***Awe About Eve*** and ***Medea: The Musical***. He also portrayed Tennessee Williams in ***Carved in Stone***, which he also wrote. He’s a frequent contributor to the BOA One-Act Festival and the San Francisco Fringe Festival, where he directed the multiple award-winning ***A Perfect Man***; and the National Queer Arts Festival, for which he wrote ***Caught in the WWWeb***.

For additional information: [www.LeonAcord.com](http://www.LeonAcord.com)

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## **CALENDAR EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:**

### **Calendar Listing / Theatre / Benefits**

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**Date/Time: Sun., April 20, 7:30 pm - One Night Only.**

**Where: Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. (@ Mission & South Van Ness)**

**Tickets: [www.therhino.org](http://www.therhino.org) or [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) 415.861.5079**

**Price \$25 - Silent Auction at event**

**Info & Photos: [www.LeonAcord.com](http://www.LeonAcord.com)**

**Muni/BART: 16<sup>th</sup> Street & Mission – East one block to Theatre Rhino**

Street Parking Available

Theatre Rhino is wheelchair accessible.

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