

## Desert Ensemble Theatre Announces 15th Anniversary and Final Season Celebrating 15 Years of Bold Storytelling and Community Impact

**Palm Springs, CA – May 13, 2025** – Desert Ensemble Theatre (DET) proudly announces its 15th Anniversary Season—a landmark year that also marks the company’s final bow. With a dynamic slate of productions and events, DET concludes a legacy of innovation, inclusion, and transformative storytelling in the Coachella Valley.

Founded in 2011 by playwright and director **Tony Padilla**, DET quickly became a creative hub for original works and new voices. Under the leadership of Padilla and Co-Artistic Director **Rosemary Mallet** the company established an agenda of producing bold and unusual contemporary plays.

In 2018, Artistic Director duties were passed to **Jerome Elliott Moskowitz**, who continued Padilla’s inclusive and forward-thinking vision. Under his guidance, and with Executive Director **Shawn Abramowitz** at the helm since 2013, DET evolved into a dynamic presence in the Desert’s arts community.

“DET has never been afraid to take risks,” said Moskowitz. “We’ve championed new voices and built lasting bridges between artists, students, and our community.” Abramowitz added, “As we enter our final season, we’re proud of the impact we’ve made on the cultural life of the Coachella Valley.”

Beyond the stage, DET’s signature **Technical Theatre Internship Program** has launched careers and awarded scholarships to local high school students. Since 2021, DET has been in residence at the Palm Springs Cultural Center. To date, the company has earned 66 Desert Theatre League Awards and widespread recognition for artistic excellence.

The 2025–26 season opens October 10 with *Singing with the Desert Stars IV*, a musical fundraising gala supporting DET’s education initiatives.

Mainstage productions (November through April) including: *The Roommate* by Jen Silverman; the world premiere production of *Dispersion of Light* by Rich Rubin; *Meteor Shower* by Steve Martin; and *Knife to the Heart* by Stan Zimmerman & Christian McLaughlin.

DET invites audiences, alumni, and supporters to join in celebrating a rich history of theatrical excellence and to experience one final season of original, unforgettable storytelling.