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## **Chance Cyber Chat for *Ann***

**The award-winning one-woman show written by and starring Holland Taylor is the next topic of discussion for Chance artists and patrons!**

**ANAHEIM, CA:** Chance Theater is excited to announce its 21st **Chance Cyber Chat**, this time about the one-woman show, ***ANN***, which was written by and stars Emmy Award-winner Holland Taylor (TV's "Two and a Half Men"). This ongoing virtual audience engagement series invites audiences to watch *ANN* online (it's available on BroadwayHD) and then join Chance artists on a Zoom call to learn some background about the show from a professional dramaturg, listen to an artist panel dive deep into the artistic elements of the production, and then finally engage with the artists and each other about the show.

Just because the doors of the Bette Aitken theater arts Center are temporarily closed, it doesn't mean that the Chance and our audiences can't still get together, connect and chat about compelling theater that is available online! Chance staff started Chance Cyber Chats last April with the musical, *Falsettos*. Since that time, a plethora of Chance Artists and audience members have come together on a Zoom call every other Friday to discuss a different show (which was pre-selected by Chance Theater's Artistic Director Oanh Nguyen).

*ANN* is a particularly timely show since it focuses on the legendary Ann Richards -- the second female Governor of Texas who was known for her outspoken feminism and sharp one-liners. With our first female Vice-President having just taken office, the time is right for an engaging conversation about a strong female politician who some consider to have redefined feminine leadership. And the show is right, too! The Broadway production received a plethora of praise from critics and audiences. For her performance, Holland Taylor won the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Solo Performance and was nominated for the Tony Award for Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Play.

At each Cyber Chat, a Chance artist panel is recruited to offer their insight before the conversation is opened up to everyone. For this Chance Cyber Chat, we have recent Ovation Award nominated actor, **Ron Hastings**

(Bruce in *Fun Home*), past Ovation Award nominee and Resident Artist **Monika Peña** (Lizzie in the Ovation Award-winning *Lizzie, The Musical*), and Chance Resident Artist **Matt Takahashi** (*Ragtime, A Wrinkle in Time*). The dramaturg for this Cyber Chat is **Jessica Johnson** (*Big Fish, Lizzie*). As always, the evening will be hosted by Chance Founding Artist **Casey Long**.

To sign up for the **Chance Cyber Chat about ANN**, register for free at [www.ChanceTheater.com/cyberchat](http://www.ChanceTheater.com/cyberchat), watch the show online, and then login to Zoom on Friday, February 12th at 8:00 p.m. It's that easy. Any questions can be directed to (888) 455-4212, or by sending an email to [info@chancetheater.com](mailto:info@chancetheater.com).

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## ABOUT CHANCE THEATER

Proud to be one of the leading ensemble-driven theatre companies in Southern California, CHANCE THEATER has received the National Theatre Company grant from American Theatre Wing for “nurturing a community of artists in ways that strengthen and demonstrate the quality, diversity, and dynamism of American theatre.” The Chance was just nominated for five Ovation Awards for their intimate production of *Fun Home*, including Best Production of a Musical (Intimate Theatre). Previously, Chance Theater has won seven Ovation Awards, including three for Best Production of a Musical (Intimate Theatre) for its regional premiere of *Lizzie, The Musical*, the West Coast premiere of *Triassic Park – The Musical*, and Southern California premiere of *Jerry Springer – The Opera*, as well as four LADCC Awards, including the Polly Warfield Award for Outstanding Season. The Anaheim City Council named Chance Theater “the Official Resident Theater Company of Anaheim” in 2014, and Arts Orange County has twice named the Chance as “Outstanding Arts Organization.” Known for using bold and personal storytelling to promote dialogue and connection within the Southern California theatrical landscape, the Chance is committed to contributing to a more compassionate, connected and creative community. As a constituent member of Theatre Communications Group, Orange County Theatre Guild, and LA Stage Alliance, Chance Theater continues to bring national attention to the Southern California and Orange County theater scenes.

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## CALENDAR LISTING

**WHAT: Free Chance Cyber Chat about “ANN”**

Join Chance Artists for a fun and engaging conversation about the award-winning one-woman show, *ANN*. This award-winning play was written by and starred Emmy Award-winning Holland Taylor (“Two and a Half Men”) and is a no-holds-barred portrait of Ann Richards, the legendary governor of Texas. Watch the show online and then join the Chance on a free Zoom call to hear background about the show from our professional dramaturg, hear a moderated conversation with an artist panel, before the chat opens up to everyone on the call to discuss the themes and artistry of the piece.

**WHEN:** Friday, February 12th at 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Zoom call. Details are emailed out after you register at Chance Theater’s website.

**ADMISSION:** Free

**REGISTER** at [www.ChanceTheater.com/cyberchat](http://www.ChanceTheater.com/cyberchat)

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