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## Moraga actor-playwright's one-man show opens in SF June 23

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Longtime Moonie and Moraga resident Michael Patrick Gaffney's original one-man show, "The Oldest Living Cater Waiter," offers up delicious insights into his complicated and hilarious careers as both a professional actor and a high-end waiter to the stars. Gaffney cooks up numerous characters from his past with just the right amount of sauciness, Shakespeare, and a soupçon of self-discovery.

Written and performed by Gaffney and directed by Ken Sonkin, "The Oldest Living Cater Waiter" runs from June 23 - July 9 at San Francisco's Gateway Theatre (215 Jackson St, San Francisco, CA 94111).

Twelve years in the making, Gaffney started writing about his experiences preparing exquisite meals and preparing numerous characters for the stage. "I don't know which is worse: an actor's nightmare or a waiter's? Not surprisingly, I have them both." He was encouraged to workshop the piece and over the last few years, "The Oldest Living Cater Waiter" has been further developed and performed at Berkeley Playhouse's Julia Morgan Theater and at ZBelow and won Best of Fringe at the 25th Annual San Francisco Fringe Festival.

From the moment he first donned his waiter tuxedo, Gaffney says, "It felt a little like a costume. It felt right." Once his catering career took off, he found he could support himself with a flexible schedule while maintaining "the life of an artist."

In addition to Gaffney and Sonkin, the creative team will include: Michael Palumbo, Benicia Martinez, Michael Berg, Kevin Roland and Tom Orr.

Tickets range from \$20 - \$45 and can be purchased through the Box Office at (415) 255-8207 or online at [www.42ndstmoon.org](http://www.42ndstmoon.org).



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