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The Capitol Steps Bring ORANGE IS THE NEW BARACK to the Carpenter Center
Long-Running Political Satire Troupe Returns to Long Beach

LONG BEACH, California —Long Beach residents have made a tradition of seeing the D.C.-based Capitol Steps every January, with this year marking the group's 6th consecutive season at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Cal State Long Beach. The premier political-musical-satire group returns to Long Beach on January 13, 2018, at 2 pm and 8 pm.

The Capitol Steps began in 1981 as a group of Senate staffers who set out to satirize the very people that employed them. 35 years later, the troupe has grown to include professional singers and actors, although some of the cast still work on Capitol Hill. Their latest show, *Orange is the New Barack* continues their trademark no-holds-barred approach to the headlines with songs and sketches that take aim at both sides of the aisle.

So what brings The Capitol Steps back to Long Beach every year? The fact that they are continually evolving their show based on the day's headlines. Founding member of The Capitol Steps, Elaina Newport, says that she once, "texted a joke backstage to a performer while he was waiting to go on—because I knew the audience would love a topical reference to something that had just happened!" It's those same relevant puns and the troupe's relentless wit that have made The Capitol Steps a fan-favorite at the Carpenter Center.

The Capitol Steps perform at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center on January 13, 2018, at 2 PM and 8 PM; single tickets start at \$50. For tickets and more information, visit CarpenterArts.org or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. This series is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3-FM.

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- What: **The Capitol Steps *Orange is the New Barack***
- When: **Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 2 pm and 8 pm**
- Where: **Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center**
6200 Atherton St.
Long Beach, CA 90815
- Tickets: **Starting at \$50**
Parking is available for \$8
- Ticket Office: **(562) 985-7000, www.CarpenterArts.org**
Box Office Hours are Monday-Friday 11am – 6pm
Saturdays are closed except on season performance days from Noon-4pm.

Additional Information and tickets available at the Carpenter Center's website: www.CarpenterArts.org