

STONES THROW PRODUCTIONS

Pacific Theatre's non-professional counterpart

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"There is no justice... There's only grab and run."

Problem Child

A Play by George F. Walker

In Short: Pacific Theatre's Stones Throw Productions presents George F. Walker's *Problem Child* - a raw, dark comedy about one couple's fight to win their baby back from the government as they try to recover from a spiralling existence of drug abuse, crime and moral bankruptcy. Can they make it? Will we let them?

VANCOUVER, B.C. Opens November 11 through November 13, 2004

"Violent, profane, and painfully honest." – Queen's University Journal

"No other living playwright pushes the boundaries of comedy as far with often stunning results." – Chicago Sun-Times

They have already spent a week in a cheap suburban motel room, hoping and waiting for the phone to ring with news that their child may just be returned to them. RJ has emotionally invested himself in the lives of guests on tawdry TV talk shows. Denise just waits, every ticking moment bringing her closer to drastic action... This one-act play from one of Canada's most prolific and critically acclaimed playwrights tears a gaping hole through modern life, revealing characters caught in a raw human existence that is by turn ridiculous and achingly poignant. **Stone's Throw Productions, Pacific Theatre's non-professional counterpart, presents *Problem Child*, by George F. Walker.**

The work of George F. Walker embodies a unique blend of grit, satire and pathos. It has been translated into many languages and produced widely across the globe. Says director and critic Daniel De Raey of *Problem Child*, "You may discover in these people a certain bare-knuckled integrity that makes them both very accessible and very difficult to pass judgement on. Walker's moral compass sometimes seems to have no needle, but it always makes a sound suspiciously close to the human heartbeat... operating the muscles that can as easily tweak your nose as give you a rabbit punch to the heart or a good, swift kick in the ass. What do you wear to an evening like that?"

Stone's Throw Productions, the non-professional arm of **Pacific Theatre**, provides education and experience to community members and emerging artists. *Problem Child* is directed by PT apprentice **Dan Amos**, and features fellow apprentice **Cristin Lee**, along with emerging artists **Tidal Grace**, **Leana Todd** and **Joel Stephanson**.

Problem Child runs for a limited engagement **Thursday, Nov. 11 to Saturday, Nov. 13 at 8pm**. All performances are at Pacific Theatre (1440 W 12th Ave, Vancouver).

Admission is by donation. Suggested donation is \$5. For further information and reservations, call the Pacific Theatre Box Office 604.731.5518 or visit www.pacifictheatre.org.

