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*"I have a disease. A mostly fatal thing
called they-don't-want-me-here-any-more."*

Leaving Ruin

by Jeff Berryman

In Short: Pacific Theatre launches its 2004-2005 Season with *Leaving Ruin* by Jeff Berryman - a remarkably funny drama about a preacher at the First Church of Ruin, Texas, threatened with the possibility that his small-town career is finished while he chases the will of God in a time of divine silence.

Opens September 30 to October 9. For tickets (\$8-\$28) call 604.731.5518 or www.pacifictheatre.org.

VANCOUVER, B.C. Opens September 30 to October 9, 2004

Pacific Theatre launches its 2004-2005 Season with *Leaving Ruin* by Jeff Berryman. Cyrus Manning, preacher at the First Church of Ruin, Texas, must face the possibility that his small town career is finished. This brilliant solo performance chronicles the tough, often humorous battle of a man chasing the will of God in a time of divine silence. A strangely funny story of disappointment that touches the heart with a subtle, deep joy.

"Jeff Berryman has taken an evangelical preacher, and turned him into the most unexpected thing: a human being. Remarkable." – Annie Dillard.

Some people love the church. Others wouldn't touch it with a ninety-foot pole. This brutally realistic look at the life of one fictitious church and its fumbling pastor will open everyone's eyes.

Leaving Ruin features Jeff Berryman, an actor, director and novelist based in Seattle, who tours his numerous solo performances throughout North America. The acclaimed novel version of *Leaving Ruin* grew out of the play - look for the sequel called *Hunting Grace* due to be published later this year. Berryman says he created *Leaving Ruin*, in part, "to give a human face" to the pastor. Scene design is by Stephen Waldschmidt; lighting design, technical direction and stage management is by Erin Harris.

Leaving Ruin DETAILS:

Opens: September 30 to October 9, 2004 - Only 9 performances available - order tickets today!
Schedule: Wednesdays - Saturdays at 8pm with 2 pm matinees on Saturdays.
Location: Pacific Theatre, 1420 W 12th Ave at Hemlock, Vancouver
Tickets: \$8-\$28
Box Office: Tickets available by calling 604.731.5518, or online at www.pacifictheatre.org, or in person at Pacific Theatre, 1420 W 12th Ave. (Group discounts available)

For more information and to download images (after Sept 10 from our PRESS PAGE) visit www.pacifictheatre.org.

Media call for *Leaving Ruin*

Check out the PRESS PAGE on our website!

Wednesday, September 29, 2004 at Pacific Theatre. Time is limited, please call to RSVP.

4:00 pm Still photography

4:15 pm TV camera/interviews - a short piece will be repeated as many times as necessary and interviews with the performers and/or director will be on a first come, first serve basis.

