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Pacific Theatre's Celebrates its 25th Anniversary Season with a Prodigious Offering of Plays!

IN SHORT: Pacific Theatre's celebrates its 25th Anniversary Season with a prodigious offering of plays: MOURNING DOVE by Emil Sher, JESUS, MY BOY by John Dowie, HOLY MO by Lucia Frangione, A TIME TO DANCE by Libby Skala, and YOU STILL CAN'T by Ron Reed.

Subscriptions on sale May 16: see 4 shows from only \$61! Call 604.731.5518 or pacifictheatre.org

Vancouver, BC – May 16, 2008 (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

This October, Pacific Theatre celebrates the launch of its 25th Anniversary Season. Within the walls of its incomparable theatre space in the Chalmers Heritage Building the theatre presents a prodigious offering of plays, ranging from achingly relevant, to deeply poignant, to side-splittingly funny, at astonishingly low subscription prices. Join Pacific Theatre as it celebrates a quarter-century of artistic friendships, of stories that become part of our lives – life-filled, life-affirming, sometimes life-changing. The 2008-09 season includes:

"That's God's job. To sort things out." "And we're supposed to stand back and watch him sort?"

MOURNING DOVE

By Emil Sher

October 17-November 15 (preview Oct. 16)

Inspired by the Robert Latimer story, this challenging work explores the dilemma faced by a Saskatchewan farm couple whose teenage daughter is wracked by severe and unrelenting pain. Can the doctors' best efforts relieve her suffering? Or should her father pursue another, final alternative? Who gets to play God? A complex play that confounds easy sentimentality with bracing humour, even in the face of great suffering.

Featuring Kerry van der Griend, Anita Wittenberg, and Ron Reed. Directed by Angela Konrad.

Mild Audience Advisory – see website for details.

"Achingly relevant... Rooted in the unfathomable complexities of our times. Whatever views you may hold on mercy killing, it would be impossible not to be moved." The Globe and Mail

Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh? You couldn't find a rattle? Something a baby might actually like?

JESUS, MY BOY

By John Dowie

November 28-December 27 (preview Nov. 27)

David Adams plays one of history's forgotten characters – Joseph, stepfather to the Son of God – in a gently comic reminiscence about parenthood, carpentry and the coming of the Messiah. The evocative music of sheree plett and Jeremy Eisenhauer adds mystery to this earthy, plain-spoken "gospel according to Joseph" that's played around the world, from the West End to Tel Aviv.

Featuring David Adams. Directed by Sarah Rodgers.

"Deeply poignant and wickedly funny, full of light humour and deep pain. It is, in short, a triumph." Edinburgh List

"Look! It's not easy being deity. It's lonely at the top. You goof off and wreck the show, it's me who has to clean up the mess!"

HOLY MO

By Lucia Frangione

February 6-March 7 (preview Feb. 5)

They're back! After ten years Folly, Buffoona and Guff return with a Revised Version of a PT audience favourite. Experience The Book of Exodus in all its sweep and grandeur – with the Life of King David thrown in for fun. (Oh yeah, they sing too.)

Featuring Katharine Venour, Erla Faye Forsyth, and Julia Mackey. Directed by Morris Ertman.

"Wonderfully silly, clownish, wacky, warm, and fun." The Vancouver Courier

I waited all my life for that one great love. I thought I never found it...

A TIME TO DANCE

By Libby Skala

March 19-April 4 (preview Mar. 18)

Audiences and critics alike fell in love with this winsome performer when she opened our 2006 season with LiLiA!, a tribute to her grandmother – and acclaimed actress – Lilia Skala. A TIME TO DANCE is a sparkling companion piece that recounts the story of Libby's great-aunt Lisl, a pioneer of modern dance. Under the threat of the Nazi regime, Lisl strives to find her way out from the shadow of her renowned sister. A celebration of love, faith, and sheer survival.

Featuring Libby Skala.

"Libby Skala is magnetic! Marvelous! Cloaked in magic." New York Times

It's so insidious. Living life totally by habit. One minute you're buying groceries at the Piggy Winkle, the next minute – you're dead!

YOU STILL CAN'T

By Ron Reed

May 15 – June 13 (preview May 14)

Sixty years ago, Tony Kirby was grafted by marriage onto the wildly eccentric Sycamore-Vanderhof family tree. Now he presides over that same charming New York brownstone as the children and grandchildren of those original characters gather from all around the world for the funeral of... Well, everybody loved him, but nobody ever thought to ask his name.

An Emerging Artist Showcase / Theatre at TWU Co-Production. Directed by Ron Reed.

A PT original, with all the romance, affection and benevolent anarchy of the comic classic YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU.

SECOND STAGE

SIDE SHOW

Comedy improv with a dash of chaos.

September 19-20 | April 17-18

CHRISTMAS PRESENCE AT PACIFIC THEATRE

December 14-16

In celebration of our 25th Anniversary Season, we're reassembling our original company to revive our very first production – FIRST CHRISTMAS: AN ENTERTAINMENT. Aided and abetted by the usual musical suspects – including the Nelson Boschman Trio and Spencer Capiere – we'll revisit the show that started it all.

CHRISTMAS PRESENCE IN THE VALLEY | December 20

CHRISTMAS PRESENCE ON THE NORTH SHORE | December 21

A Christmas stocking with its seams showing – stuffed full of stories, songs, poetry, comedy and reminiscence. A PT tradition.

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BRIAN MIX, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

CONTINUING THIS YEAR!

A chamber music series on the PT stage. 3 concerts of music connected to the themes, characters and settings of the season's plays, performed by the **Pacific Rim String Quartet**. Dates to be announced.

Pacific Theatre continues to make excellent professional theatre accessible with remarkably affordable subscriptions starting at only \$61 for four shows. Pacific Theatre also has websales – buy all your single tickets online at pacifictheatre.org

2008-2009 SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS ON SALE NOW, FROM \$61-175!

Single tickets go on sale September 2nd and range from \$17-\$34.

All performances are at **Pacific Theatre, 1420 West 12th Ave, Vancouver, BC** (at Hemlock St.)

Call Pacific Theatre at 604.731.5518 or visit pacifictheatre.org for more information!