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**Elemental Theatre's *VACANCY* promises to be a gritty, shocking, and exciting thrill ride for its ninety minute duration.**

**Providence, RI** (March, 26, 2012) -- Elemental Theatre Collective is thrilled to announce its upcoming world-premiere production of *Vacancy*, a collaboration between Elemental Artistic Director Alexander Platt and founding member Dave Rabinow. Conceived in the tradition of ETC's annual Go.Go Plays, Platt and Rabinow (whose last collaboration, 2010's *deca\*go\*go*, was named one of the "Ten Best Productions of 2010" by the Providence Phoenix) were given the following challenge: write a short play that takes place entirely in a seedy motel room. Both writers worked furiously for weeks crafting individual stories of betrayal, violence, danger, sex, and identity. The plays were then merged together, creating a single production featuring two rooms and six actors that weave in and out of one another's reality, taking the audience on a voyeuristic journey through these disparate worlds linked by common themes of greed, depravity, sin, and redemption.

Directed by Platt, the play allows an audience to watch simultaneous and often-overlapping action in two motel rooms joined by virtue of existing on the wrong side of the metaphysical tracks. On one side of the wall, a small-time con has gone disastrously wrong. On the other, reality is being bent by illness, betrayal and a supernatural visitation. At all times, surprises abound, as the evening veers from horror to criminal thriller and from gritty realism to the supernatural; genres get bent and hearts get broken and time and space become fluid elements in the course of this dark, unpredictable, and exciting evening of theatre.

Elemental is thrilled to be working with a talented group of local actors to bring *Vacancy* to life. The cast includes Gamm Theatre regulars Karen Carpenter and Cliff Odle; Katie Travers and Melissa Penick, both recently featured in Perishable Theatre productions; and dancer/performer Shura Baryshnikov.

**Elemental Theatre Collective's *Vacancy* promises to be a gritty, shocking, and exciting thrill ride for its ninety minute duration. It dares to peek between the blinds and steal a glimpse of the heart of darkness; will you look? *Vacancy* runs for two weekends, Thursday through Sunday, from April 26 until May 6, at the 95 Empire Black Box Theatre. Shows at 8:00 pm (Sundays at 2:00 pm). All tickets are \$15, payable with cash, check, or credit card at the door, or via Brown Paper Tickets. Information available at [www.elementaltheatre.org](http://www.elementaltheatre.org) or by calling (401) 447-3001.**

## ATTENTION CALENDAR EDITORS

### DETAILS AT A GLANCE

## *Vacancy*

Written by **Alexander Platt and Dave Rabinow**

Directed by **Alexander Platt**

### CAST

**Melissa Penick**

**Karen Carpenter**

**Cliff Odle\***

**Katie Travers**

**Shura Baryshnikov**

\*Member, Actor's Equity Association

**LOCATION:** 95 Empire Black Box  
95 Empire Street  
Providence, RI 02903

**PERFORMANCE DATES:** Thursday, April 26th through Sunday, May 6th

**PERFORMANCE TIMES:** Thursdays-Saturdays 8:00 pm, Sundays 2:00pm

**TICKETS:** \$15, cash/check/credit card at the door  
OR via Brown Paper Tickets  
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**PRESS NIGHT** Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 8:00pm

**REVIEWERS RSVP** (401) 447-3001

### **Vacancy / Performance Calendar**

Thu 4/26– 8:00 pm

Fri 4/27– 8:00 pm

Sat 4/28 – 8:00 pm

Sun 4/29 – 2:00 pm

Thu 5/3– 8:00 pm

Fri 5/4– 8:00 pm

Sat 5/5 – 8:00 pm

Sun 5/6 – 2:00 pm