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ELEMENTAL THEATRE COLLECTIVE'S FOURTH ANNUAL ORIGINAL PLAY FESTIVAL

the father, the son and the holy go.go

JANUARY 21 – FEBRUARY 7 AT PERISHABLE THEATRE

PROVIDENCE, RI – January 12, 2009

Elemental Theatre Collective is proud to present the world premiere of three short plays as part of their fourth annual GoGo Plays New Works Festival. This year's production, ***the father, the son and the holy go.go***, draws its title from the seven Catholic Sacraments, which were randomly assigned to the three playwrights. The playwrights used their chosen sacraments to inform the plays as they wrote them, and were given the additional challenge of setting the plays in a common location. The setting, chosen at random from a hat full of suggestions, was a cabin.

The plays are divergent in style, but as always with the GoGo Plays, they manage to overlap and echo each other unexpected ways. "This production takes three very different plays with similar starting points and links them into a surprising and cohesive evening of theatre," says Alexander Platt, Elemental's Artistic Director. "The audience will enjoy connecting the dots between the plays almost as much as watching the plays themselves."

Nationally-produced playwright George Brant contributed ***The Cabin***, set in an abandoned family retreat, where Scott and Karen (Platt and D'Arcy Dersham), married for six years, are holed up for a week-long getaway. Directed by Dave Rabinow, ***The Cabin*** allows us a peek at the secrets that can make us question the foundations of our most intimate relationships.

Platt crafted ***RedPop***, in which Molly (Kelly Seigh) has found herself pregnant and fled the city to clear her mind at the family cabin. She is unexpectedly joined by Ian (Rabinow), the father of her child, and even more unexpectedly haunted by visions of Kevin (Platt), her incarcerated high school band teacher. Melissa Rabinow directs this portrait of a woman at a crossroads.

Finally, Rabinow created ***Two Of Us***, which follows the forty-year love affair between former commune members Peggy (Dersham) and Skeeter (Melissa Bowler). Beginning in 1970 and set to the music of the Beatles and John Lennon, ***Two Of Us*** is directed by Platt and spins us through the decades as Peggy and Skeeter find, lose, and find each other again.

The father, the son and the holy go.go features some of Rhode Island's finest theater artists working together to create a provocative and original evening of theatre. For the first time in the history of the GoGo plays, Dersham, Platt, Rabinow and Seigh, who graduated together from Trinity Rep Conservatory in 2002 and form the core of Elemental's acting company, will be performing in the same evening. They are joined onstage by Melissa Bowler, a member of Improv Jones, stand-up artist and frequent contributor to the Manton Avenue Project. Melissa Rabinow, a founding member of the Collective and Resident Dramaturg of the festival, received her MFA in Dramaturgy from Brandeis University and is making her GoGo directing debut with this production. This is Elemental's first collaboration with George Brant, a local playwright with a national reputation, who received his Masters in Writing from the University of Texas at Austin and is a member of the Dramatists Guild.

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ATTENTION CALENDAR EDITORS

DETAILS AT A GLANCE

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Three original plays by George Brant, Alexander Platt and Dave Rabinow

January 21 – February 7, 2010 at Perishable Theatre, 95 Empire St, Downtown Providence

PLAYWRIGHTS	George Brant, Alexander Platt, Dave Rabinow
DIRECTORS	Alexander Platt, Dave Rabinow, Melissa Rabinow
LIGHTING DESIGNER	J. Paul Ring
CAST	Melissa Bowler, D’Arcy Dersham*, Alexander Platt*, Dave Rabinow and Kelly Seigh
VENUE	Perishable Theatre 95 Empire Street Providence, RI 02903
TICKET RESERVATIONS	info@elementaltheatre.org (401) 447-3001
TICKET PRICES	\$15 General Admission, cash or check at the door
WEBSITE	www.elementaltheatre.org
PRESS NIGHT	Friday, January 22, 2010 at 8:00 pm
REVIEWERS RSVP	(401) 447-3001

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***the father, the son and the holy go.go* | Performance Calendar**

Thu 1/21 8:00 pm
Fri 1/22 8:00 pm
Sat 1/23 8:00 pm
Sun 1/24 2:00 pm

Thu 1/28 8:00 pm
Fri 1/29 8:00 pm
Sat 1/30 8:00 pm
Sun 1/31 2:00 pm

Thu 2/4 8:00 pm
Fri 2/5 8:00 pm
Sat 2/6 8:00 pm
Sun 2/7 2:00 pm

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