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## Urban Stages

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## Presents

# LIVE GIRLS

A Play by Victoria Stewart

Directed by Lou Jacob

October 23<sup>rd</sup> - November 26<sup>th</sup>

At 259 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street (between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>)

Urban Stages is pleased to announce *LIVE GIRLS*, the first production of their 2006/2007 season. *LIVE GIRLS* was written by Victoria Stewart and will be directed by Lou Jacob. Performances will be at 259 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street (between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>). Previews will begin on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> with the opening date scheduled for Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and will run through Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Press invited Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sex and performance art collide in *LIVE GIRLS*, a play about an Anna Deavere Smith-like performance artist who interviews a porn star for a piece on social injustice. As expectations are challenged and the interview turns increasingly personal, "reality based" theatre icon Sarah finds herself asking a new set of questions. What is real and what is performance? What's personal and what's public? Who benefits from art and who are its victims? And when Sarah allows her own assistant to interview her, she begins to ask another question: who's exploiting whom? The Boston Globe called the Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theatre production of *LIVE GIRLS*, "riveting, multi-layered and deeply intelligent work."

Playwright Victoria Stewart received the Helen Merrill Award for Emerging Playwrights, the Norman Felton and Jerome Fellowship as well as residencies at Ucross/Sundance, Hedgebrook and the Donmar Warehouse. Her play *Hardball* was presented by the Summer Play Festival in New York. Her work has been performed and developed at the Joseph Papp Public Theater, South Coast Rep, Summer Play Festival, Seattle Repertory Theater and many others. She is a core member of the Playwrights Center and a member of the Vinegar Tom Players.

Director, Lou Jacob, is returning to Urban Stages, having directed their production of *Coyote on a Fence* (two Drama Desk Award nominations, Village Voice Top Ten). Recently, Lou directed Sam Shepard's *The God of Hell*, starring Tim Roth, Randy Quaid, J. Smith-Cameron and Frank Wood. Other directing credits include Dickens *Hard Times* (Village Voice Season Highlight, Drama Desk nomination for Best Director) and *Vilna's Got A Golem* (Village Voice Season Highlight). Lou is an adjunct Professor at Fordham University and The New School for Drama. He was mentored by such directors as Elia Kazan and Frank Galati.

The cast of *LIVE GIRLS* includes Pamela Hart, Suli Holum and Jenny Maguire.

Established in May 1983, Urban Stages' mission is to discover and develop new plays by authors of diverse cultural backgrounds. Urban Stages has had two highly acclaimed commercial transfers, *Minor Demons* and *Men on the Verge of a His-Panic Breakdown*, which won an Outer Critic's Circle Award. Urban Stages' production of *The Sweepers* transferred to Capital Rep in Albany where it broke box office records. Their most recent productions were the critically acclaimed *Marion Bridge* by Daniel Maclvor, *The Snow Queen*, a new play for children, by Stanton Wood and *Bulrusher* by Eisa Davis.

The schedule for *LIVE GIRLS* will be Sundays through Wednesdays at 8PM and Wednesday matinees at 3PM (no performance on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>). Tickets will be \$20.00 and may be purchased by calling Smarttix at 212-868-4444, or online at [www.urbanstages.org](http://www.urbanstages.org).

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Sundays through Wednesdays at 8PM; three Wednesday matinees, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 3PM with no show on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

TICKETS: \$20, Call 212-868-4444, or online at [www.urbanstages.org](http://www.urbanstages.org)

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