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Urban Stages (Frances Hill, Artistic Director, Sonia Kozlova, Managing Director)

Directed by Susan Fenichell

By Special Arrangement with Sonny Everett and Ashley Gates

To Present The American Premiere Of

MARION BRIDGE

A Play by Daniel Maclvor

Original Music and Sound Design by Eric Shim

NOW EXTENDED THROUGH NOVEMBER 27TH!!!

At 259 West 30th Street (between 7th and 8th)

Urban Stages is pleased to announce that Daniel Maclvor's *MARION BRIDGE*, the first show of their 2005-2006 season, has been extended through Sunday, November 27th. Performances are at 259 West 30th Street (between 7th and 8th).

MARION BRIDGE is the humorous and touching story of three sisters who return home to care for their mother. Trapped by life choices and unfulfilled expectations that have left them isolated, the three women search for the courage to create a new family from the remnants of the old.

Daniel Maclvor is one of Canada's most well-known and respected contemporary playwrights; he is the recipient of The Governor General's Award, one of Canada's most prestigious arts honors. His other plays include *Never Swim Alone* (1998 FringeNYC Award), *In On It* (OBIE Award, GLAAD Award), and *See Bob Run*, all of which enjoyed successful runs in New York City. He will have plays produced this season at the Wexner Center in Columbus, Ohio; the Alliance Theatre in Washington, DC; and the Encore Theatre in San Francisco, CA. "Willby Wonderful," a film he co-wrote and stars in with Sandra Oh, is currently making the rounds of film festivals in the United States and Canada.

Critics have raved about *MARION BRIDGE*. Jason Zinoman of *The New York Times* described Maclvor as "a vastly underrated and prolific writer," and called *MARION BRIDGE* a "moving [and] beautifully performed drama." Adam Feldman of *Time Out NY* wrote, "[Susan] O'Connor has a gift for appearing at once grounded and flighty – an adorable everywoman with a touch of the pixie." And *The Village Voice* wrote that *MARION BRIDGE* is "an elliptical and refreshingly ascetic approach to family melodrama."

Director Susan Fenichell's credits include *The Dead Eye Boy* at MCC (starring Lili Taylor), *The Faculty Room* at the Humana Festival, as well as productions at NYU, ACT and the National Theatre Conservatory. She most recently directed *Burn This* for the Huntington Theater and John Adams' opera *The Death of Klinghoffer* at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia.

The cast of *MARION BRIDGE* includes Susan Louise O'Connor (*Girls Town*, Actors' Playhouse; Daniel Maclvor's *Never Swim Alone*, Soho Playhouse; and Daniel Maclvor's *See Bob Run* with the Rattlestick Theatre) and Henny Russell (*Major Barbara*, Roundabout Theatre Co; *Boy Gets Girl*, Manhattan Theatre Club and *Fuddy Meers*, Minetta Lane Theatre). Joining the cast is Finnerty Steeves (Baltimore Center Stage, American Conservatory Theatre and Caldwell Theatre Company).

Established in 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. In 2004, Urban Stages' critically acclaimed production of *The Sweepers* transferred up to Capital Rep in Albany where it broke box office records.

The schedule for *MARION BRIDGE* is Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8pm and Saturdays and Sundays at 2pm. Tickets are \$40.00 and may be purchased by calling Smarttix.com at 212-868-4444, or online at www.urbanstages.org. Memberships still available for the three-show 2005-2006 season, which includes *Marion Bridge*, Stanton Wood's *The Snow Queen* and Eisa Davis' *Bulrushes*.

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Exceptions: No performance on Thursday, November 24th (Thanksgiving Day)

Additional Performance Sunday, November 27th at 7pm

TICKETS: \$40, Call Smarttix.com at 212-868-4444, or visit www.urbanstages.org

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