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International Smash Hit Makes Its New York Premiere This Holiday Season!

A TALE OF A TIGER

A Free Adaptation by Ami Dayan of Nobel Prize Laureate Dario Fo's play

Performances Begin Tuesday, November 23rd

At 59E59 Theaters – Theater B, 59 East 59th Street

Release Date: November 1, 2004

Israeli-American theater artist Ami Dayan will bring his internationally acclaimed show *A TALE OF A TIGER* to 59E59 Theaters in November. Appropriate for families and children aged 5 and up, *A TALE OF A TIGER* features a special holiday schedule and two different endings.

Dayan's free adaptation of Italian playwright Dario Fo's play is based on an ancient Chinese theatre folk tale with roots in an Indian myth. Left for dead on the battlefield, a Chinese soldier in Mao's army is seized by a tiger and her cub. A unique relationship, both terrifying and hilarious develops between man and animal as the tigress nurses him back to health. His life regained, the soldier must return to the world and determine by which personal and moral standards he is to live. Dayan, who also directed the piece, describes *TIGER* as a "seriously hilarious tale."

First performed in Israel in 1994 as a parable for healing and reconciliation, *A TALE OF A TIGER* has been performed to great acclaim around the world. It has been running for over eleven years at the Cameri Theatre in Tel Aviv, Israel since it won the prize at the prestigious Theatrenetto Festival in 1994. In America, *TIGER* has been performed with great success at locations such as Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art Theatre, the Acoma Center (Denver), Lida Project (Denver), the Nomad Theatre (Boulder), the Capitol Hill Arts Center (Seattle) and the Seattle Fringe Festival and recently at the Rorschach Theatre (Washington DC). Its run at the Edinburgh Festival was a huge hit, generating outstanding press and audience response. The Scotsman, Edinburgh's premiere newspaper, called *TIGER* "a theatrical wonder drug", and The Seattle Post Intelligencer called the show an "entrancing piece of storytelling."

All Wed, Fri, and Sun evening performances will be Special Double-Ending Presentations. Audiences will have a rare opportunity to experience both Dayan's ending, focusing on reconciliation, self-healing and growth, and also the original ending by Dario Fo, which serves as a political outcry for a revolution by the people against a leadership that misrepresents them morally.

Ami Dayan is an Israeli-American playwright, director, actor, and instructor. He has studied, directed, and performed in the United States, Europe, and Israel. Currently living in Boulder, CO, he teaches at Naropa University and produces his plays. His recent play "The End" received the Westword Award for Best Original Script 2002. His new plays "Shabaz" and "Upshot" will have their world premieres in August and September of 2005.

A TALE OF A TIGER is appropriate for all audiences, including families. The run of performances at 59E59 include many holiday-friendly showtimes. The schedule will be as follows:

November / December 2004, January 2005						
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Tickets will be \$35.00 and may be purchased by calling Ticket Central at 212-279-4200, or online at www.ticketcentral.com. Audio and video clips of the show are available online at www.ataleofatiger.com.

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