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Attention Listings Editors: Equity Off-Broadway Engagement

Synapse Productions To Present

The United States Premiere of

THE GOD BOTHERERS

Written by Richard Bean

Directed by David Travis

February 24th through March 27th

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

February 7, 2005

Synapse Productions is pleased to announce the first show of their fifth season: the United States premiere of Richard Bean's play *THE GOD BOTHERERS*, directed by David Travis (*ANIMAL FARM: The Puppet Musical*). Performances at 59E59 Theaters will begin on Saturday, February 26th and will continue through Sunday, March 27th.

Somewhere in the developing world lies Tambia, a part-Christian, part-Muslim country where water is scarce, AK-47s are plentiful, the lions are hungry and the locals want email. Laura is a young, ambitious American aid worker on her first assignment. Keith, her supervisor, is a world-weary malcontent just trying to get through the day. Sparks fly when Laura shows up three weeks late, ready to bend the rules to save the world. She soon finds that home seems very far away when the locals steal your magazines, your bodyguard makes passes at you, and your boyfriend dumps you -- to return to his three wives... Irreverent and provocative, *THE GOD BOTHERERS* is a no-holds-barred comedy that gleefully skewers our preconceptions about religion, globalization, and the sources of poverty and violence in the developing world.

THE GOD BOTHERERS was produced in London in 2003 to great critical acclaim. The British Theatre Guide called it "One of those rarities, a really funny comedy with depth... Never loses its wicked sense of humour... Definitely a show to see." The Sunday Times said that "*THE GOD BOTHERERS* is seriously hilarious and hilariously serious," and The Guardian wrote that the play was "A brutally funny, hotly topical play about the confrontation of western liberalism and Muslim conviction that suggests neither side has a monopoly on wisdom."

The cast for *THE GOD BOTHERERS* will be Heidi Armbruster (*Sea of Tranquility* at the Atlantic), Michael Warner, Kola Ogundiran, and Tinashe Kajese. The design team will be Jenny Mannis (costumes, received a DRAMA DESK AWARD nomination in 2004 for Outstanding Costume Design on Synapse's *ANIMAL FARM*), Adrian W. Jones (Scenic Design) and Marcus Doshi (Lighting Design). The director will be David Travis, who last season staged *ANIMAL FARM: The Puppet Musical* for Synapse Productions.

THE GOD BOTHERERS will begin performances on Thursday, February 24th, and will continue through Sunday, March 27th. Performances will be Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8:15pm, and Saturdays and Sundays at 3:15pm; please note that Saturday February 26th is opening night and there will be no matinee performance. Tickets will be \$15 for previews (February 24th and 25th), and \$30 thereafter. Two for one tickets are available on Tuesdays through March 15th. Tickets may be purchased by calling TicketCentral at (212) 279-4200, or online at www.synapseproductions.org. Photos will be available for download at www.brettsinger.com/clients/synapse05.html.

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TICKETS: \$15 - \$30; Call (212) 279-4200 or visit www.synapseproductions.org, or visit the Box Office 59E59 Theaters 59 East 59th Street (Mon: 12-6 Tue-Sat: 12-8 Sun: 12-3)

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