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The Michael Chekhov Theatre Company To Present

THE SAM SHEPARD FESTIVAL

Simpatico Directed by Ann Bowen

Buried Child Directed by Tom Herman

A Lie of the Mind Directed by Dr. Kathy Curtiss

All Shows Will Run in Rep from March 15 Through April 10

At The Big, Little Theatre, 141 Ridge Street

February 20, 2006

The Michael Chekhov Theatre Company is pleased to announce the opening of their new space, The Big, Little Theatre. Their first project in the space will be *THE SAM SHEPARD FESTIVAL*. Three of Shepard's plays will be presented: *SIMPATICO* directed by Ann Bowen, *BURIED CHILD* directed by Tom Herman and *A LIE OF THE MIND* directed by Dr. Kathy Curtiss. The shows will run in rep from March 15th through April 10th at The Big, Little Theatre, 141 Ridge Street (one block south of Houston).

SIMPATICO is about the tough world of the racing fraternity, where Shepard examines guilt and restitution and the real hold of the past. *SIMPATICO* will be directed by Ann Bowen who was a director for the original Second City in Chicago and later formed the Pitschel Players, a group of political and social satirists. Her West Coast credits include the premiere of Philip Kan Gotanda's *Yohen* with Danny Glover at the East Angeles Actor's Theatre. In New York, Ms. Bowen has directed the works of Roger Bowen, Athol Fugard, David Mamet and Joe Orton. The cast of *SIMPATICO* will include Peter Picard, Tom Pavey, Ali Costine, Gary Lamadore, Heather Anthony, Jennifer Lee and Talia Thelen.

Winner of the 1979 Pulitzer Prize, *BURIED CHILD* is set in a squalid farm home occupied by a family filled with suppressed violence and an unease born of deep-seated unhappiness. The family harbors a dark secret. Years earlier, the grandfather had buried an unwanted newborn baby in an undisclosed spot, creating a cloud of guilt. *BURIED CHILD* will be directed by Tom Herman who recently directed *Worm Day* at the DR2, *Lobby Hero* and *Cloud Nine*. The cast of *BURIED CHILD* will include Thomas Francis Murphy, Patricia Elisar, Tom Pavey, Brian Lee Elder, Jason Griffith, Kristin Carter and James Glenn.

Winner of the New York Drama Critics Award as the best play, *A LIE OF THE MIND* tells the story of two families torn apart by a severe incident of spousal abuse. Exploring family dysfunction and the nature of love, the play follows Jake as he searches for meaning after his wife, Beth, struggles with brain damage. *A LIE OF THE MIND* will be directed by Dr. Kathy Curtiss who is a founding member of the Santa Barbara Shakespeare Festival and the artistic director of the Actor's Repertory Theatre. The cast of *A LIE OF THE MIND* will include Susan Capra, Ali Costine, Freida Lipp, Thomas Francis Murphy, Curtis Nielsen, Adrian O'Donnell, Anna Podolak and Will Schneider.

Performances for *THE SAM SHEPARD FESTIVAL* will be at The Big, Little Theatre, 141 Ridge Street (one block south of Houston). The shows will run in rep from March 15 through April 10. Performances will be Sundays and Mondays and Wednesdays through Saturdays. Please see attached schedule for show times. Tickets will be \$18 and can be purchased by calling SmartTix at (212) 868-4444 or by visiting www.smarttix.com. For more information, visit www.chekhovtheatre.com/shepfest.

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BC = Buried Child

SO = Simpatico

LI = A Lie of the Mind

MARCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			15 BC @ 8PM	16 BC @ 8PM	17 SO @ 8PM	18 SO @ 2PM SO @ 8PM
19 LI @ 2PM LI @ 7PM	20 LI @ 8PM	21 No Show	22 BC @ 8PM	23 BC @ 8PM	24 SO @ 8PM	25 SO @ 2PM SO @ 8PM
26 LI @ 2PM LI @ 7PM	27 LI @ 8PM	28 No Show	29 BC @ 8PM	30 BC @ 8PM	31 SO @ 8PM	

APRIL CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 SO @ 2PM SO @ 8PM
2 LI @ 2PM LI @ 7PM	3 LI @ 8PM	4 No Show	5 BC @ 8PM	6 BC @ 8PM	7 SO @ 8PM	8 SO @ 2PM SO @ 8PM
9 LI @ 2PM LI @ 7PM	10 LI @ 8PM					

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