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Synapse Productions Presents

The World Premiere of

**NORMAN & BEATRICE:**

**A MARRIAGE IN TWO ACTS**

Written by Barbara Hammond

Directed by David Travis

February 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 4<sup>th</sup>

at the Connelly Theater, 220 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street (Between Avenues A & B)

January 2, 2006

**What if you couldn't remember your first love?** Synapse Productions is pleased to announce the world premiere of Barbara Hammond's ***NORMAN & BEATRICE: A MARRIAGE IN TWO ACTS***, directed by David Travis. Performances at The Connelly Theater will begin on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and continue through Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Norman is a charismatic retired civil servant and a loving husband and grandfather; but now that he has Alzheimer's, he can't be left alone and he can't be trusted. His devoted wife Beatrice is his soul mate and, in the end, his salvation. In a story spanning 50 years, and the onset of Norman's Alzheimer's, this powerful new play offers a revealing glimpse into the different chapters of their marriage, and takes an unflinching look at what it means to grow old.

***NORMAN AND BEATRICE: A MARRIAGE IN TWO ACTS*** is a humorous and moving love story about a married couple facing the challenge of growing old together. Playwright Barbara Hammond has had her plays produced in New York and Dublin. She is a regular contributor to the Naked Angels Readings Series, and she is a resident artist at the Tyrone Guthrie Center. Barbara recently wrote and directed her first film; "June Weddings" (with Tom Noonan).

The cast for ***NORMAN & BEATRICE*** will include Graeme Malcolm and Jane Nichols. Graeme most recently appeared on Broadway in *Aida* and *The King and I*. Off-Broadway credits include Lincoln Center, Manhattan Theater Club, and New York Theater Workshop. Jane has been associated for more than 20 years with Shakespeare & Company in Lenox, Massachusetts. In addition to numerous Off-Broadway credits, Jane has appeared on major regional stages including the Dallas Theater Center and Portland Stage. The design team will be Luke Cantarella (Scenic Design), Camille Assaf (Costumes), Marcus Doshi (Lighting Design), and Daniel Baker (Sound Design). David Travis, who staged the Drama Desk Award-nominated ***ANIMAL FARM (the puppet musical)*** and ***The God Botherers*** for Synapse Productions, will direct.

**Synapse Productions**, now in its sixth season, has gained a reputation for producing challenging and provocative plays that address contemporary cultural issues and get people talking. The New York Times said of the Drama Desk Award-nominated *Orwell Project*: "There is nothing more socially relevant on the boards in New York."

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**SCHEDULE:** Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8pm; Sundays at 3pm

**Additional Performance:** Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

**TICKETS: \$12-\$19; \$10 (Previews); Call (212) 868-4444 or visit [www.synapseproductions.org](http://www.synapseproductions.org).**

**Pay What You Wish Wednesdays (at the door in February only)**

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