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The Midtown International Theatre Festival in Association with TRU

Presents

## THE MATERNAL INSTINCT

A New Play

Written by Monica Bauer

Directed by Melissa Wentworth

At The WorkShop Theatre, 312 W. 36th St., 4th Floor

Begins Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and Runs Through Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

June 13, 2006

The Midtown International Theatre Festival in association with TRU is proud to present Monica Bauer's new play, *THE MATERNAL INSTINCT*, which will be at The Workshop Theatre, 312 West 36<sup>th</sup> Street. Performances begin on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and will run through Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

*THE MATERNAL INSTINCT* is a bittersweet drama with comedy about the power and mystery of love, addictions, and conflicting desires. In Boston, a married lesbian couple discovers that "First comes love, then comes marriage, and then comes..." What happens when one spouse feels the pull of the maternal instinct, as the other is repelled by it?

Monica Bauer is an award-winning playwright and composer. A graduate of Brown and Yale, she was the Teaching Fellow in the Graduate Playwriting Program at Boston University in 2004-05, where she studied with Derek Walcott, Kate Snodgrass, and Richard Schotter. She has also studied with Craig Lucas as part of the Pataphysics seminars at The Flea Theater in New York City. Her work has been seen regionally from San Diego to Boston, and off-off Broadway at the HERE Arts Center, the Bowery Poetry Club, and Emerging Artists Theater. *THE MATERNAL INSTINCT* was awarded third place in the national New Works for Young Women playwrighting competition.

Directing *THE MATERNAL INSTINCT* is Melissa J. Wentworth, who received her MFA in Directing from Brooklyn College before founding Out of the Blue Theater Company (OOTB) with Karen Woodward Massey in 1992.

The cast for *THE MATERNAL INSTINCT* includes Rena Baskin, Stephen Cooper, Alisha Jansky and Elise Audrey Manning, who The Boston Globe said was "terrific."

Reviewers praised the recent production of *THE MATERNAL INSTINCT* in Boston presented by Out of the Blue Theatre at Boston Playwrights Theater. David Frieze of Backstage said, "... an intelligent and highly entertaining new play... Hilarity often ensues... But for all the laughs, The Maternal Instinct turns out to be a serious play about real people with real conflicts." He went on to say, "... made me laugh, and moved me close to tears." And Larry Stark of Theatermirror.com wrote, "Monica Bauer's writing is compellingly interesting ... and funny as hell!"

In keeping with the theme of the play, the producers will host a special event, "Gay Family Day," on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:15. A "Rainbow Kid's Party" with free refreshments, supervised by a former nanny and volunteers will be given for kids age 5-12 at Where Eagles Dare, across the street from the WorkShop Theater, so parents can enjoy the play with free baby-sitting. Parents may reserve a place for their kids by emailing [thematernalinstinct@domainsbyproxy.com](mailto:thematernalinstinct@domainsbyproxy.com).

*THE MATERNAL INSTINCT* will begin performances on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and will continue through Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Performances will be on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:15PM, Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:15PM, Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:15PM and Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. Tickets will be \$18.00 for all seats. Tickets may be purchased by calling (212) 868-4444 or visit [www.smarttix.com](http://www.smarttix.com). For more information, visit [www.thematernalinstinct.org](http://www.thematernalinstinct.org). Photos will be available for download at [www.brettsinger.com/clients/maternalinstinct.html](http://www.brettsinger.com/clients/maternalinstinct.html).

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