

at play

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Director of Professional Rights **Robert Lewis Vaughan**
interviews **John Logan**, author of the
Tony Award–winning **RED**

ROBERT. Were you inspired to write **RED** by a visit to the Tate Modern or was the inspiration long-brewing?

JOHN LOGAN. The themes had been rattling around in my head for a while, but it was the paintings that made it a play dealing with art. I was in London working on the film version of *Sweeney Todd* when I happened to go to the Tate Modern and see the Seagram murals. The paintings struck me and wouldn't let go; something about their overt seriousness and intensity was uniquely powerful to me. They are, above all else, highly emotional works. I kept going back to the gallery and sitting with them, letting them work on me. And while the idea of a two-person play came to me very quickly, I knew little about Rothko or modern art, so a long period of research followed.



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9 Circles

by Bill Cain

Drama
3 men, 1 woman (doubling)

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

by Laura Eason, adapted from the novel by Mark Twain

Drama
6 men, 2 women (doubling)

All-American

by Julia Brownell

Drama
3 men, 3 women

All New People

by Zach Braff

Dark Comedy
2 men, 2 women

Assistance

by Leslye Headland

Comedy/Drama
3 men, 3 women

Asuncion

by Jesse Eisenberg

Comedy/Drama
3 men, 1 woman

Bachelorette

by Leslye Headland

Comedy
2 men, 4 women

Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo

by Rajiv Joseph

Drama
5 men, 2 women

Black Tie

by A.R. Gurney

Comedy
3 men, 2 women

Blood and Gifts

by J.T. Rogers

Drama
15 men, 1 woman (doubling, flexible casting)

Bluebird

by Simon Stephens

Drama
5 men, 3 women (doubling)

Bob: A Life in Five Acts

by Peter Sinn Nachtrieb

Epic Comedy
3 men, 2 women

Born Bad

by Debbie Tucker Green

Drama
2 men, 4 women

The Break of Noon

by Neil LaBute

Drama
2 men, 2 women (doubling)

The Brothers Size

by Tarell Alvin McCraney

Drama
3 men

By the Way, Meet Vera Stark

by Lynn Nottage

Drama
3 men, 4 women

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ROBERT. In the wonderful movie of *Hugo*, which you wrote, you look at the nature of man and creativity — also so moving in *RED*. Has art and creativity always been something you were drawn to as a subject?

JOHN LOGAN. My biggest attraction as a writer has always been to those sacred monsters: vexing characters who roar through life, sometimes creating, sometimes destroying. I suppose with characters like Howard Hughes in *The Aviator*, Leopold and Loeb in *Never the Sinner*, Bruno Richard Hauptmann, Sweeney Todd, Coriolanus, and Rothko, you could say I'm attracted to dark material. And while the play deals with the world of art, it's never been about art to me, honestly. To me, the play is about fathers and sons, students and teachers, mentors and protégés. These two just happened to be painters.

ROBERT. The scene in the play where Ken and Rothko discuss the new guard is fascinating. That was an amazing time in the world of art, wasn't it, with the beginning of Warhol?

JOHN LOGAN. Warhol and his comrades sent a shot over the bow of the Abstract Expressionists, no doubt — just as Rothko and his comrades did to the Cubists. To me, it's dramatic to put a character in a shifting landscape: the seismic shifts are occurring — how will the character respond? There's something poignant to me about Rothko's resistance to the coming tide of Pop Art, like the aging prizefighter trying to stay in the ring for one more round.

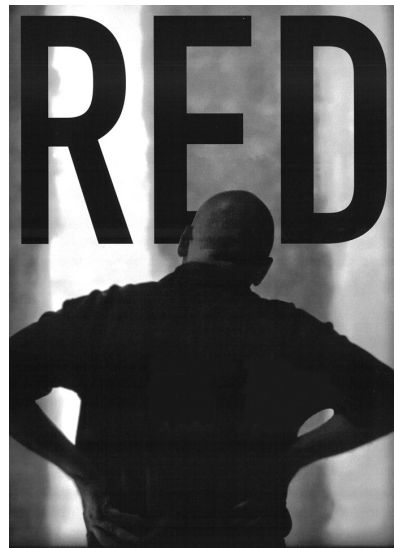
ROBERT. You dedicated *RED* to Stephen Sondheim — for "reminding" you. Can you tell us about that?

JOHN LOGAN. Steve inspired me to get back to writing for the theatre after being too long away. I'm eternally thankful for that.

ROBERT. Speaking of *Hugo*, your film career has a life of its own, but you started in theatre in Chicago? And you will always return to the theatre?

JOHN LOGAN. I wake up every morning a playwright who fell into screenwriting. But the success I've had

in the movies is directly related to learning my job as a dramatist in tiny storefront theatres all over Chicago. Like so many others, I learned how to do my job when I was a struggling artist. Like Ken in the play, I learned what theatre is



through the patient guidance of experienced professionals who took the time to teach me and scold me and inspire me. Theatre will always play an important part in my life, if only selfishly, because I am never so happy as when I'm in the rehearsal room for a new play.

ROBERT. The production of *RED* at Chicago's Goodman Theatre was a homecoming of sorts, wasn't it?

JOHN LOGAN. It was indeed. Bob Falls and I came up in Chicago theatre at the same time and have watched each other's careers with joy and respect. Being back in Chicago with *RED* was magical, and the chance to see the first fully American production of the play there was even more magical.

ROBERT. *DPS* represents *THE DAYS OF WINE AND ROSES*. Are you working with Adam Guettel on a project related to the play?

JOHN LOGAN. Can't talk about it; too soon.

ROBERT. We certainly look forward to another play from you — when might we see one?

JOHN LOGAN. In London, next year. ■

SNOWBALL EFFECT

Director of Nonprofessional Rights Craig Pospisil talks with John Cariani, author of *ALMOST, MAINE*

CRAIG. Let's get the obvious question out of the way. How excited are you by the tremendous success that *ALMOST, MAINE* has had?

JOHN CARIANI. When people ask me this, I always think of what Hamlet says to Horatio in the first act of *HAMLET*: "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." *ALMOST, MAINE* premiered at Portland Stage Company in 2004, and the response was overwhelming. It sold out its run and became the most successful play in PSC's history. Obviously, our hopes were high when it opened Off-Broadway in 2006. It was a beautiful production. And the response was ... a little underwhelming. We only ran for a month. And I was pretty sad. I wanted nothing more than for it to be a huge hit. And so I just went back to pounding the pavement, had my *Law & Order* gig, and went to work on a new play I was writing ... and very slowly, over the next few years, *ALMOST, MAINE* became this weird little phenomenon. Next thing I know, it was everywhere — at regional theatres, community theatres, college and high-school theatres. It was selling out at major regional theatres like Milwaukee Rep and Geva. And now in 2012, it's being translated into Russian and Romanian and French and German and Flemish. I guess what I have learned from all of this is that you can dream. But sometimes you get way more than what you dream. All I seemed to be able to hope for was that *ALMOST, MAINE* would become a success in New York. I never imagined that it would become what it's become. I guess there was more in store for it than my philosophy could imagine.

CRAIG. You're also an actor, and that's how you started your career. You mentioned *Law & Order*, but I know you've done films like *Scotland, PA*, you've been on and Off-Broadway. When did you start writing your first plays?

JOHN CARIANI. Acting led me to writing. I needed audition material —

monologues that I really connected to, and that hadn't been overdone. So I wrote my own. I think actors make pretty great playwrights. We live inside plays, and we know them better than anybody. We know what works and what doesn't work, dramaturgically. Plays are compilations of action, and actors know what action is. Those monologues became sketches that my friends and I performed whenever and wherever we could ... and someone from NBC happened to see one of our shows and invited us to be a part of this cool thing the network was doing in the late nineties called *P.S. NBC*. NBC's big comedies were aging, so the network was courting up-and-coming writers and comedians. NBC never moved on my material, but those early monologues and scenes became what is now *ALMOST, MAINE*.

CRAIG. Did you write any other scenes set in *Almost* that aren't in the play anymore? And what happened to those?

JOHN CARIANI. I have a short play called *OBSESSIVE IMPULSIVE*. It was part of *ALMOST, MAINE* at Portland Stage, but after I saw it in front of an audience, I knew it didn't fit. But *OBSESSIVE IMPULSIVE* isn't lost! It's a part of the newest play I've written that will premiere at Portland Stage next spring called *LOVE/SICK*. It's the flip side of *ALMOST, MAINE* — it's a bunch of slightly absurd love stories that are set in an alternative suburban reality on a Friday night in June. And they explore the more sour side of love.

CRAIG. So how did *ALMOST, MAINE* develop after those first monologues and sketches? Which was the first scene that you wrote for the play? And did you have the idea for the entire collection, or did that come later?

JOHN CARIANI. The first short play I ever wrote is called *SHIVER AND SHAKE*. It's based on a Grimm fairy tale called "The Boy Who Went into the World in Search of Fear," and it's about a

Call Me Waldo

by Rob Ackerman
Comedy
2 men, 2 women

Chinglish

by David Henry Hwang
Drama
4 men, 3 women (doubling)

Compulsion or The House Behind

by Rinne Groff
Drama
3 men, 3 women (doubling, flexible casting)

Convicts

by Horton Foote
Drama
7 men, 2 women

Cradle and All

by Daniel Goldfarb
Comedy/Drama
1 man, 1 woman

Dashing Through the Snow

by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, Jamie Wooten
Comedy
2 men, 6 women (doubling)

Doctor Cerberus

by Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa
Thriller
5 men, 1 woman (doubling)

The Dream of the Burning Boy

by David West Read
Drama
4 men, 3 women

The Dunes

by Craig Pospisil
Drama
3 men, 3 women

Equivocation

by Bill Cain
Drama
5 men, 1 woman (doubling)

The Escort

by Jane Anderson
Comedy
3 men, 2 women (doubling)

F2M

by Patricia Wettig
Drama
1 man, 5 women (flexible casting)

Ghost-Writer

by Michael Hollinger
Drama
1 man, 2 women

Good People

by David Lindsay-Abaire
Comedy
3 men, 3 women

The Grand Manner

by A.R. Gurney
Comedy/Drama
2 men, 2 women

Gruesome Playground Injuries

by Rajiv Joseph
Comedy/Drama
1 man, 1 woman

Horsedreams

by Dael Orlandersmith
Drama
2 men, 2 women

Housebreaking

by Jakob Holder
Drama
4 men, 1 woman

In the Footprint: The Battle Over Atlantic Yards

written by Steven Cosson, music and lyrics by Michael Friedman, from interviews by the company
Documentary Musical
3 men, 3 women (doubling, flexible casting)

In the Red and Brown Water

by Tarell Alvin McCraney
Drama
5 men, 5 women

In the Wake

by Lisa Kron
Drama
1 man, 6 women

Kin

by Bathsheba Doran
Comedy/Drama
5 men, 5 women

Knickerbocker

by Jonathan Marc Sherman
Comedy/Drama
5 men, 2 women

The Last Romance

by Joe DiPietro
Romantic Comedy
2 men, 2 women

Le Cid

by Pierre Cornielle, translated by Richard Wilbur
Drama
7 men, 4 women

The Liar

by Pierre Cornielle, translated by Richard Wilbur
Comedy
4 men, 4 women

The Liar

by David Ives, adapted from the comedy by Pierre Cornielle
Comedy
5 men, 4 women

Lidless

by Frances Ya-Chu Cowhig
Drama
3 men, 2 women (doubling)

Live Broadcast

by John William Schiffbauer
Political Drama
2 men, 2 women

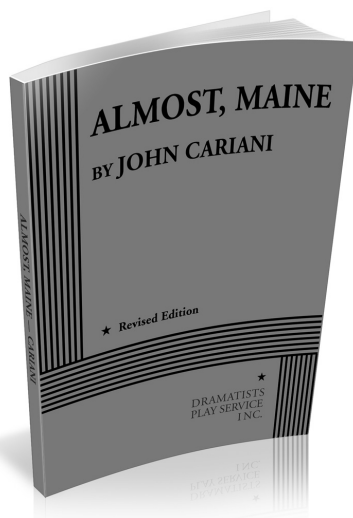
Lombardi

by Eric Simonson, based on the book *When Pride Still Mattered — A Life of Vince Lombardi*, written by David Maraniss
Drama
5 men, 1 woman

Lonesome Hollow

by Lee Blessing
Drama
3 men, 2 women

young man who wants to learn what it is to be afraid. Eventually, SHIVER AND SHAKE became THIS HURTS. Then I wrote HER HEART ... and then the others just started kind of pouring out. Director Gabe Barre saw one of the *P.S. NBC* shows and approached me about working together because he liked my writing and thought I was on to something. One day, we took all the short plays I had written — about two dozen



of them — and we read through them. And we realized that seven of the plays were love stories. And they were all a little magical and slightly surreal, and they all had a fable-like or fairytale-like quality to them. They were set in Northern Maine in winter in a made-up mysterious place that was — at the time — called Basketville, Maine. And we realized we had an anthology play on our hands: BASKETVILLE, MAINE ... AND THE THINGS THAT HAPPEN THERE AT NIGHT. We took the play to the Cape Cod Theatre Project in 2002 and began our journey. At CCTP, we came up with the Prologue/Interlogue/Epilogue. And the title! One day after rehearsal, Gabe asked me, “What’s the name of your hometown, again?” I answered, “Presque Isle.” He said, “And that means...?” And I said, “Almost Island. In French.” And he said, “Almost, Maine.” And that was it!

CRAIG. I love that.

JOHN CARIANI. I wrote two new scenes in 2003 at Portland Stage, where we were workshoping: One was WHERE IT WENT — because I wanted

to write about a relationship dissolving. The other was THEY FELL, which was originally written for a man and a woman. One of the most exciting changes to the play happened at the talkback after the workshop presentation. An audience member asked me why I wrote the play. And I said that I loved good love stories and that I wanted to look at love in a new way and kind of turn the romantic comedy on its ear. I also wanted to write stories that could be played by people who aren’t hot. I wanted to see regular people get the girl or the guy. Not help the hot person get the girl or guy! That’s what ALMOST, MAINE is, really — a bunch of stories that have complete arcs for character actors!

CRAIG. And that’s probably a big part of why it’s been so successful. There are a lot of character actors out there dying to take center stage and really act for a while.

JOHN CARIANI. And I wanted to look at all aspects of love — new love, old love, lost love. And then someone else asked why I hadn’t explored homosexual love. And I had no answer. And at that moment, I realized that THEY FELL had to be about two men falling in love. And it really completed ALMOST, MAINE for me. And now ... here we are.

CRAIG. ALMOST, MAINE has really been such a Cinderella story. Do you feel pressure to repeat that in your other writing? Has the breakaway success of the play inspired you, inhibited you, a little of both?

JOHN CARIANI. Honestly — it’s inspired me and given me confidence that there’s room for the stories I write. And — it’s pushed me to kind of set the record straight. Many have dismissed ALMOST, MAINE as simplistic and sweet. Saccharine. And for those who think that — well, they haven’t seen what I want it to be. ALMOST, MAINE is sad and bleak. And funny, yeah. But — it’s about loneliness. And heartbreak. And heartache. And the sudden rush that accompanies finding love, that sudden joy. I think we don’t respect joy as a valid component of drama. We love sadness. But joy is just as dramatic. And hard to act — truthfully, effectively.

CRAIG. So true. As any writer of comedies will tell you.

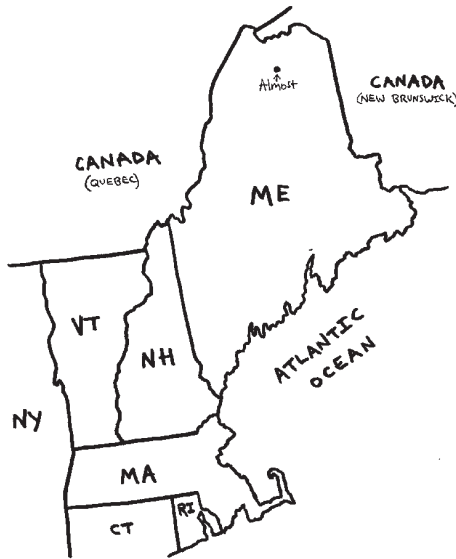
JOHN CARIANI. I think these misperceptions have driven me to continue to write more about Northern Maine and the people who live there — just so I can give them the respect they deserve. I grew up in Northern Maine, and while *ALMOST, MAINE* could be described as a love letter to Northern Maine and Northern Mainers, my new play, *LAST GAS*, takes a more realistic look at the place I still refer to as “home.” Funny — I have been thinking a lot lately about why I write about Northern Maine and Northern Mainers. And I think finally have a good answer: I like to write about people who live in the middle. Lots of plays in New York are about urbane urbanites who live up top — and that’s great. And the theatre is in love with stories about struggling artists — people on the bottom. I would love to see more stories about people from the middle; about people who work hard for a living; about people who have real problems, and who don’t have the surplus of time, money and education that allows them to create problems for themselves. Because, although the middle is not where change begins, it’s where change takes hold. And once the minds of the people in the middle start to change, quiet, rapid revolutions occur, and the world changes. *LAST GAS* is about that kind of quiet, revolutionary change.

CRAIG. Tell me more about the development of *LAST GAS* and where it’s going next.

JOHN CARIANI. It was commissioned by the Cape Cod Theatre Project. Andy Polk (former artistic director there) directed the first workshop presentation of the play in 2008. In 2009, Portland Stage Company workshoped the play as a part of their new works series, the aptly named Little Festival of the Unexpected. Then, in late 2010, *LAST GAS* had a tremendously successful premiere production at Portland Stage Company, with an outstanding cast. I just did a workshop at Half Moon Theatre Company in Poughkeepsie. And Geva is going to do a reading in April, so we’re working away. I am pretty sure New Yorkers will get to see *LAST GAS* in the 2013–2014 season! I’m excited — it’s a great big surprising love story. It makes people laugh and gasp and cry. And that’s pretty much what it’s all about, to me.

CRAIG. Both *ALMOST, MAINE* and *LAST GAS* are set in the Northern reaches of Maine. What is it about that part of the country that inspires these stories of yours?

JOHN CARIANI. The sky. That’s it. *National Geographic* once likened Northern Maine to Montana, calling it the “other big sky country.” And it is. Northern Maine is pretty flat, and much of it is farmland, so there’s lots of wide open space. And the sky dominates. Because it’s a very sparsely populated part of the country, there’s very little light pollution, so clear nights are spectacular. You can see the stars — all of them, it feels like. And the northern lights appear fairly regularly. I guess there’s something about the sky in remote places that is very humbling and



inspiring. And, maybe, now that I have lived in New York for a while, I’m romanticizing Northern Maine a little. But — there’s an off-the-grid feeling to Northern Maine. It’s remote. It’s farmland — and woods. Mostly woods. It’s wild, still. New York is wild but in a different way. New York is all about people and the amazing things people do and think and make. Northern Maine is the opposite. It’s all about the things people don’t make. What’s wild rules. The weather rules. Something much greater than people is at work in Northern Maine. And I guess I’m aware of that — of something much larger than myself when I go “home.” And that inspires me, too. ■

The Lyons

by Nicky Silver
Comedy
3 men, 3 women

Mama Won't Fly

by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, Jamie Wooten
Comedy
2 men, 6 women (doubling)

Marcus; Or, The Secret of Sweet

by Tarell Alvin McCraney
Drama
4 men, 3 women

The Missionary Position

by Keith Reddin
Drama
2 men, 2 women

Mistakes Were Made

by Craig Wright
Comedy
1 man, 1 woman

The Motherfucker with the Hat

by Stephen Adly Guirgis
Dark Comedy
3 men, 2 women

Motherhood Out Loud

conceived by Susan R. Rose and Joan Stein, and written by Leslie Ayvazian, David Cale, Jessica Goldberg, Beth Henley, Lameeqa Issaq, Claire LaZebnik, Lisa Loomer, Michele Lowe, Marco Pennette, Theresa Rebeck, Luanne Rice, Annie Weisman and Cheryl L. West
Comedy
1 man, 3 women (doubling)

The Mountaintop

by Katori Hall
Drama
1 man, 1 woman

Mrs. Mannerly

by Jeffery Hatcher
Comedy
1 man, 1 woman; or 2 women

The New York Idea

adapted by David Auburn from the original by Langdon Mitchell
Comedy
7 men, 5 women

The Night Watcher

by Charlayne Woodard
Drama
1 woman

Office Hours

by A.R. Gurney
Comedy/Drama
3 men, 3 women

One Arm

by Moisés Kaufman, based on the short story and screenplay by Tennessee Williams
Drama
15 men, 3 women

Other Desert Cities

by Jon Robin Baitz
Drama
2 men, 3 women

The Other Place

by Sharr White
Drama
2 men, 2 women

Picked

by Christopher Shinn
Drama
3 men, 1 woman, 1m/w

The Picture of Dorian Gray

by Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa, based on the novel by Oscar Wilde
Drama
5 men, 2 women (doubling)

Pigeon

by Tommy Smith
Drama
3 men, 1 woman (doubling)

Pieces

by Hywel John
Drama
1 man, 2 women

Posh

by Laura Wade
Drama
12 men, 2 women

Relatively Speaking

by Woody Allen, Ethan Coen and Elaine May
Dark Comedy
18 men, 7 women (doubling)

Rx

by Kate Fodor
Drama
4 men, 3 women

The School for Lies

by David Ives, adapted from The Misanthrope by Molière
Comedy
6 men, 3 women

Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Suicide Club

by Jeffrey Hatcher
Thriller
7 men, 3 women

Side Effects

by Michael Weller
Drama
1 man, 1 woman

Something Intangible

by Bruce Graham
Comedy/Drama
4 men, 1 woman

Sons of the Prophet

by Stephen Karam
Drama
5 men, 3 women

Spirit Control

by Beau Willimon
Drama
4 men, 2 women (doubling)

Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays

by Mo Gaffney, Jordan Harrison, Moisés Kaufman, Neil LaBute, Wendy MacLeod, José Rivera, Paul Rudnick and Doug Wright
Comedy/Drama
12 men, 9 women (doubling)

A Strange and Separate People

by Jon Marans
Drama
2 men, 1 woman

Sunlight

by Sharr White
Drama
2 men, 2 women

New on the Scene

by Emily Kadish, Publications Associate

Whether you're planning your upcoming season, searching for a juicy monologue, or just looking for a good read, there are titles bound to spark your interest among our most recent publications. Be sure to check out the New Acquisitions and Now Published pages on our website to peruse all of our latest titles. In the meantime, here is a sampling of new titles for your consideration.

Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo

 by Rajiv Joseph **5 men, 2 women, flexible set**

The lives of two American Marines and an Iraqi translator are forever changed by an encounter with a quick-witted tiger who haunts the streets of war-torn Baghdad attempting to find meaning, forgiveness and redemption amidst the city's ruins. Rajiv Joseph's groundbreaking play explores both the power and the perils of human nature.

The Dream of the Burning Boy

 by David West Read **4 men, 3 women, interiors**

Since the sudden death of his favorite student, high-school teacher Larry Morrow has been falling asleep at his desk. As Larry's dreams intensify, a shocking secret is exposed. Searing yet surprisingly funny, THE DREAM OF THE BURNING BOY is about finding the strength to move on and the courage to live without regret.

Ghost-Writer

 by Michael Hollinger **1 man, 2 women, interior**

Novelist Franklin Woolsey dies mid-sentence, but his secretary Myra continues to take dictation. Attacked by skeptics, and Woolsey's jealous widow, Myra sets out to prove she is more than just an artful forger. Is she trying to steal Woolsey's legacy now that she cannot have his love, or might she truly possess a gift the world can't understand?

In the Wake

 by Lisa Kron **1 man, 6 women, interior**

It's Thanksgiving of 2000 and the presidential election remains undecided. Ellen insists that the situation is worse than it seems, but no one — not even her loved ones — can make her see the blind spot at the center of her own political and emotional life. This funny, passionate, and ultimately searing play illuminates assumptions at the heart of the American character — and the blind spots that mask us from ourselves.

Mrs. Mannerly

 by Jeffrey Hatcher **1 man, 1 woman; or 2 women, flexible set**

No student in the demanding Mrs. Mannerly's etiquette class has ever achieved a perfect score. But when Young Jeffrey discovers his teacher's secret past, he is determined to be the first to achieve this feat. Inspired by the playwright's own memories, this unique comic tale reveals truths about the face we present and the real selves that lie inside.

The New York Idea

 adapted by David Auburn from the original by Langdon Mitchell **7 men, 5 women, interiors**

A freewheeling divorcee in 1906 New York City society, Cynthia Karlslake has decided to settle down again with a prominent judge. Little does she know, however, that her bombastic ex-husband and the judge's blowsy ex-wife are making plans of their own. In this sharp-tongued comedy, David Auburn enlivens a little-known play and shines a surprisingly contemporary light on attitudes about status, sex and divorce in high society.

The Other Place

 by Sharr White **2 men, 2 women, interiors**

Just as Juliana Smithton's research leads to a potential breakthrough, her life takes a disorienting turn. During a lecture to colleagues at an exclusive beach resort, she glimpses an enigmatic young woman in a yellow bikini amidst the crowd of business suits. One step at a time, a mystery unravels as contradictory evidence, blurred truth and fragmented memories collide in a cottage on the windswept shores of Cape Cod.

Welcome to Arroyo's

 by Kristoffer Diaz **4 men, 2 women, flexible set**

Alejandro Arroyo takes painstaking care of his new lounge on New York City's Lower East Side, and slightly less good care of his rebellious sister, Molly. But Alejandro must step it up when he learns that his late mother may have been one of the founders of hip-hop music. Two DJs/narrators/Greek chorus members spin the story in this hip-hop theater coming-of-age tale.

When I Come to Die

 by Nathan Louis Jackson **4 men, 1 woman, interiors**

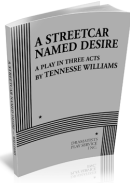
WHEN I COME TO DIE tells the story of Damon Robinson, a death-row inmate who struggles to find faith and hope and to understand why his life has been spared after he survives a lethal injection.

Back on Broadway!

by Lori Mannette, Publications Assistant

What the sequel is to Hollywood, the revival is to Broadway! Broadway fans are always excited to see their favorite titles revisited by new artists, who give us a fresh take on classic material. We've seen a number of compelling productions this year that people are still buzzing about, and we can't wait for the rest to open.

A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE by Tennessee Williams



A multi-racial cast leads this charged drama, in which a disgraced Southern belle comes to live with her sister and brother-in-law in a New Orleans slum.

Opened April 22, 2012
Broadhurst Theater

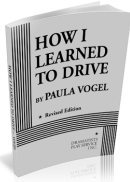
HARVEY by Mary Chase



In this family favorite, a grown man's imaginary friend, who happens to be a six-and-a-half-foot rabbit, might not be imaginary after all.

Opening June 14, 2012
Studio 54

HOW I LEARNED TO DRIVE by Paula Vogel



A wildly funny, surprising and devastating tale of survival as seen through the lens of a troubling relationship between a young girl and an older man.

Opened February 13, 2012
Off-Broadway at Second Stage Theatre

DPS congratulates all four 2012 Tony Award® nominees for Best Revival of a Play

THE BEST MAN by Gore Vidal

Two candidates, each with incriminating information about the other, vie for the presidency in this political drama staged just in time for Decision 2012!

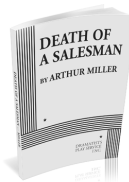
Opened April 1, 2012
Gerald Schoenfeld Theater



DEATH OF A SALESMAN by Arthur Miller

Willy Loman's ill-fated quest for the "American Dream" blinds him to the love his family offers in this classic tragedy.

Opened March 15, 2012
Barymore Theater



WIT by Margaret Edson

The profoundly moving piece about a brilliant professor with terminal cancer who reevaluates her life and her work with depth and humor.

Opened January 26, 2012
Manhattan Theatre Club



MASTER CLASS by Terrence McNally

Maria Callas is teaching a master class in front of an audience (us). She glories in her own career, dabbles in opera dish, and flat-out seduces the audience.

Opened July 7, 2011
Samuel J. Friedman Theatre



Surf Report

by Annie Weisman
Drama
2 men, 3 women

Ten Chimneys

by Jeffrey Hatcher
Comedy/Drama
3 men, 4 women

The Theatre of Illusion

by Pierre Cornielle, translated by Richard Wilbur
Comedy/Drama
8 men, 3 women

Through a Glass Darkly

by Ingmar Bergman, adapted for the stage by Jenny Worton
Drama
3 men, 1 woman

Tigers Be Still

by Kim Rosenstock
Comedy
2 men, 2 women

T.I.C. (Trenchcoat In Common)

by Peter Sinn Nactrieb
Comedy
3 men, 3 women

Truth and Reconciliation

by Debbie Tucker Green
Drama
10 men, 12 women (doubling)

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by Scott Caan
Comedy
2 men, 1 woman

Venus in Fur

by David Ives
Comedy/Drama
1 man, 1 woman

Walter Cronkite is Dead.

by Joe Calarco
Comedy
2 women

We Live Here

by Zoe Kazan
Drama
3 men, 3 women

Welcome to Arroyo's

by Kristoffer Diaz
Comedy/Drama
4 men, 2 women

When I Come to Die

by Nathan Louis Jackson
Drama
4 men, 1 woman

When the Rain Stops Falling

by Andrew Bovell
Drama
5 men, 4 women

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by Lee Blessing
Drama
2 men, 1 woman

WTC View

by Brian Sloan
Drama
6 men, 1 woman



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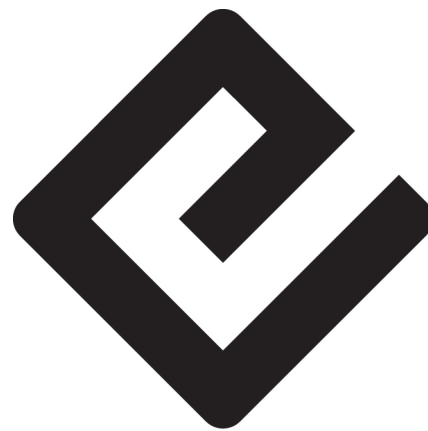
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