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RLT To Perform 'Tricky Part' June 17-19

ROGERS, Ark. — The Rogers Little Theater will conclude the inaugural 2ndStage Diversity Unites series with *"The Tricky Part,"* a play by Martin Moran with performances June 17-18, at 8 p.m. and June 19 at 2 p.m. The show will be performed at the theater, 116 S. Second St., in the Rogers Historic District.

Chris McNamara appears in this one man show described as a boy's story of sexual trespass, a man's journey to forgiveness.

Opening night the theater will hold a "talk back" session lasting approximately 15 minutes to allow audience members an opportunity to ask questions and, otherwise, express their thoughts and emotions. Featured panelists are Kim Coble, the victim/witness coordinator for the Benton County prosecuting attorney and Dick Bolen, past president of St. Mary's Parish Council in Siloam Springs.

"The Tricky Part" is one of the most heralded one-man plays in recent memory, said Director Ed McClure. Between the ages of 12 and 15, the author had a sexual relationship with an older man. Now 42 and an established New York actor, Moran has transformed his story into a riveting, often funny and always surprising journey through the complexities of Catholicism, desire and human trespass.

The New York premiere received a 2004 Obie award and two Drama Desk nominations including Outstanding Play, McClure said.

"Through the Diversity Unites series, we hope to show that extra-ordinary circumstances very often bring about common emotions," said RLT President/CEO Richard Dean Prudenti.

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While less well-known than the productions of RLT's MainStage series, these 2nd Stage scripts are award-winning or award-nominated and touch upon issues that are modern, sometimes difficult and issues that affect all people in some way, said Brenda Nemec, chair of the RLT play-reading committee.

The 2ndStage Diversity Unites series coincides with RLT's 25th Anniversary Season. Besides a more focused theme, the difference between this and previous 2ndStage series is that all upcoming shows will be staged "in the round" so that audience members will be on all four sides of the stage accessible via stairs only.

"It's going to be hard to get tickets to this because there is very limited seating. It will be first-come, first-served, which will create the sense that this is going to be something special," Nemec said.

Tickets for the 2nd Stage shows are \$10 a seat, and because of the mature nature of the scripts children 12 and under are not admitted. For more information or to order tickets and make reservations contact RLT at 631.8988 or go to www.rogerslittletheater.org.

Bios

McNamara, of Bella Vista, appeared at RLT as Officer Klein in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, Gad/Butler in *Joseph...Dreamcoat* and Abner in *South Pacific*. The son of Lori and Ken, he has appeared in productions of *Medieval Times*, *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, *The Pajama Game*, *Death of a Legend*, *Any Number Can Die*, *Picasso at the Lapine Agile*, *Crazy for You*, *Look Homeward Angel*, *Dearly Departed*, *Singing in the Rain* and *West Side Story*.

Bolen is married to Lydia and they have a 17 year old daughter, Abby. Director of Fleet Operations for Simmons Foods in Siloam Springs, he is active in community service, a member of the Sager Creek Arts Center Board where he has been a director, actor, and set builder. He is also involved with the High School Adopters program, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. Raised a Southern Baptist, he joined the Catholic Church 22 years ago, and is Past President of St. Mary's Parish Council and Director of Finance Committee.

Coble is the Victim/Witness Coordinator for the Benton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Working in Law Enforcement since the age of 17, she worked for the Bentonville Police Department and graduated from the Criminal Justice Institute Crime Scene Technician program, the first in Northwest Arkansas, in June of 1998. She began my career with the Prosecutor's Office as a Case Manager in 2007 working in Judge Tom Keith's court. She became a Victim Advocate in April 2008 and was promoted to my current position in August of 2008—working with victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. She is married and has four grandchildren.

RLT's 25th Anniversary Season is sponsored by NWA Media and CitiScapes Magazine. RLT provides live theater experiences for audiences, performers and students, enhancing the Rogers Historic District and creating a regional destination. The theater's motto, "Places...*Everyone*," reminds us of the stage manager making the final call before the show, but also speaks to the inclusive nature of the arts in the community.

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