



CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY

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CAST ANNOUNCED FOR SAN DIEGO PREMIERE OF **MAURITIUS BY THERESA REBECK**

SAN DIEGO, CA – Cygnet Theatre presents the San Diego premiere of ***Mauritius*** by Theresa Rebeck. The darkly comic tale will be directed by Associate Artistic Director Francis Gercke. ***Mauritius*** runs **April 2 through May 10, 2009** on Cygnet Theatre's Rolando Stage. **Press Opening is April 11 at 8pm.**

Stamp collecting is far more risky than you think. After their mother's death, two estranged half-sisters discover a book of rare stamps that may include the crown jewel for collectors. One sister tries to collect on the windfall, while the other resists for sentimental reasons. In this gripping tale, a seemingly simple sale becomes dangerous when three seedy, high-stakes collectors enter the sisters' world, willing to do anything to claim the rare find as their own.

The title, ***Mauritius***, refers to a small island 500 miles off the coast of Madagascar, which issued the first stamps by any British colonial government. The first two of these stamps, the Mauritius Post Office stamps, have become the crown jewels of philately.

Theresa Rebeck has written for film, television and theatre. Her plays include *Bad Dates*, *The Scene*, *The Water's Edge*, *The Butterfly Collection*, *Spike Heels*, *Loose Knit*, *The Family of Mann*, *View of the Dome*. In 2007, Rebeck made her Broadway debut with *Mauritius* which opened at the Biltmore Theatre on October 4.

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The cast for ***Mauritius*** includes Cygnet Resident Artist **Jessica John** (*Love Song, Communicating Doors, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*), Cygnet Resident Artist **Manny Fernandes** (*A Christmas Carol, Communicating Doors, Bug*), **Sandy Campbell** (*A Little Night Music, Communicating Doors*), **John DeCarlo** (*Bug*), and **Jack Missett** (*Curse of the Starving Class*).

The production team includes director **Francis Gercke**, set designer **Sean Fanning**, lighting designer **Eric Lotze**, sound designer **Matt Lescault-Wood**, costume designer **Jessica John**, properties designer **Bonnie L. Durben** and stage manager **Nikki Hanzal**.

Performances of ***Mauritius*** are Wednesdays at 7:30pm, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm and 7pm on Cygnet's Rolando Stage located at 6663 El Cajon Blvd., Ste N, San Diego, CA 92115. Tickets are \$22 - \$38. Discounts are available for seniors, students and military. There are no Wednesday performances during previews.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting Cygnet's website at **www.cygnettheatre.com** or calling the box office at **619-337-1525**. Tickets can also be purchased in person by visiting Cygnet's main box office located at the Old Town Theatre, 4040 Twigg's St. in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

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Cygnet Theatre Company is a 501(k) non-profit organization founded in 2002 by Artistic Director Sean Murray and Executive Director Bill Schmidt. In 2003, Cygnet renovated a storefront at 6663 El Cajon Blvd in the Rolando area into a 157-seat theatre. Cygnet has received over 40 awards and grown to one of the most highly regarded theatre companies in the San Diego area. In December 2007, Cygnet was awarded a 10-year lease by State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Concessions and Reservations Division of the Old Town Theatre. Located in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, the 248-seat venue was renovated during the summer and fall of 2008 and re-opened in November.

CYGNET THEATRE FACT SHEET

MAURITIUS

WHAT: Cygnet Theatre Company presents *Mauritius*.

WHERE: Cygnet Theatre – Rolando Stage
6663 El Cajon Blvd, Ste N, San Diego, CA 92115

WHO: Written by Theresa Rebeck

Director: Francis Gercke
Costume Design: Jessica John
Sound Design: Matt Lescault-Wood
Stage Manager: Nikki Hanzal

Scenic Design: Sean Fanning
Lighting Design: Eric Lotze
Properties Design: Bonnie Durben

CAST: Sandy Campbell* (*Mary*)
John DeCarlo (*Dennis*)
Manny Fernandes° (*Sterling*)
Jessica John° (*Jackie*)
Jack Missett (*Phillip*)

DATES: Previews begin: Thursday, April 2, 2009
Press Opening: Saturday, April 11, 2009
Closes: Sunday, May 10, 2009

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday at 7:30pm.
Thursday through Saturday at 8:00pm.
Sunday at 2:00pm and 7:00pm.

PRICES: Range from \$22-\$38
Previews: \$22
Wednesday Evenings and Sunday Evenings: \$30
Thursday, Friday Evenings and Sunday Matinees: \$32
Saturday Evenings: \$34
Opening Night: \$38
*Discounts are available for seniors, students, active-duty military and groups.
There are no Wednesday performances during previews.*

HOW: Phone: (619) 337-1525
Online: www.cygnetheatre.com
In Person: Old Town Theatre - 4040 Twiggs St., San Diego, CA 92110

* Member of Actors Equity Association, °Resident Artist

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