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**LA MIRADA THEATRE
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
PRESENTS A FREE STAGED READING
OF THE NEW PLAY
*MAD CITY***

**Written by Meredith Stiehm
Creator of the drama series *Cold Case*
Part of a New Play Reading Series
INK SLINGERS**

July 1, 2010...La Mirada, Calif...LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS presents a staged reading on Monday, July 12, 2010 at 7:30PM of MAD CITY, a new play written by Meredith Stiehm. The reading is the launch of “Ink Slingers,” a New Play Reading Series at La Mirada Theatre. The new Ink Slingers Series gives promising new plays a workshop play-reading experience and will introduce audiences to the creative process of developing a new theatre piece. An audience TalkBack session with the playwright/artists will take place following the reading.

ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT

MEREDITH STIEHM (*Playwright*) Produced plays include: *Little Rosa*, *Holiday House/Between the White Curtains*, *Hallelujah Junction* and the musical *Rules For Girls*. Her play *Hunger* was a finalist for the Heideman Award, and she wrote the book and lyrics for the musical adaptation of D.H. Lawrence’s *Women In Love*. She was the creator and Executive Producer of the drama series “Cold Case”; other television credits include “NYPD Blue” (Emmy nomination), “E.R.” and “Cocaine Cowboys” (HBO). She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1990 with a B.A. in English/Playwriting.

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ABOUT THE PLAY

It's a snowy Saturday night in Madison, Wisconsin, and Vivian Howard is admitted to the psych ward. Her sisters Anna and Charlotte, summoned to the hospital, are dismayed to learn that Vivian walked down the aisle at a wedding that evening -- someone else's wedding. Long-held family secrets emerge as the three sisters try to extract Vivian from her emotional and, as it turns out, criminal predicament. CONTAINS MATURE CONTENT.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

JEFF MAYNARD (*Director*) directed last season's Pulitzer Prize winning *Lost In Yonkers* and this season, runaway hit, *The 25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee*. This past summer in upstate NY, he collaborated with Jason Robert Brown - directing a new, revised version of the recent Broadway musical, *13*. He also directed the workshop of Dave Rosmer & Dan Lipton's new musical *Shoot! Cut! Print! Kill! Die!*. Jeff is proud to be a founding member of Buffalo Nights Theatre Company, having directed, acted or produced over 15 productions including: *The Final Judgment*, *Modigliani*, *Meat*, *Anatol*, *Salome*, *Sophistry* and *The Madman & The Nun*. He won a Drama-Logue Award for Max Frisch's *The Firebugs*, a Backstage West Award for *The Apollo of Bellac* and LA Weekly's Revival Production of the Year award for *Modigliani*. Also in Los Angeles, he has directed the West Coast Premiere of the Ovation Award nominated *Tinseltown* by Michael Colby and Paul Katz - at the Actor's Co-op. In upstate NY, Jeff's recent directorial work includes *Nine*, *Seussical*, *Doubt*, *The Laramie Project*, *Mystery of Edwin Droad* and *Aida*. As an actor Jeff appeared in the first national tour/Los Angeles premiere of *Lost In Yonkers*, *Biloxi Blues* at the Court/Hudson Theatres, *Enter Laughing & Taking Stock* at the A.J.U.'s- *Let There Be Laughter* series, and TV appearances on "Buffy The Vampire Slayer," "Fresh Prince of Bel Air," "Diagnosis Murder" and the upcoming feature film *The Illusion*. Jeff currently runs the theatre program at The Mirman School, teaches private acting classes throughout Los Angeles and is a graduate of UCLA's School of Theater, Film & Television.

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ONE NIGHT ONLY:

MAD CITY by Meredith Stiehm-A Staged Reading • July 12, 2010 • 7:30PM

This is a free reading. To reserve seats, please call the Box Office at (562) 944-9801.

LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS is located at 14900 La Mirada Boulevard in La Mirada, Parking is free. For more information, please visit our website at www.lamiradatheatre.com or call the Box Office at (562) 944-9801 or (714) 994-6310.

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LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, now in its fourth decade, has been hailed by the Los Angeles Times as "one of the best Broadway-style houses in Southern California." This beautiful state-of-the-art theatre has been producing quality productions for its Southern California audiences since 1977. The theatre has produced several national tours and is the recipient of many accolades including Ovation and Emmy Awards and Tony Award nominations. Brian Kite is the theatre's Producing Artistic Director. The theatre is located at 14900 La Mirada Boulevard in La Mirada, California, near the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue. Parking is theatre-adjacent and free. For further information call 562-944-9801 or visit www.lamiradatheatre.com.