

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
PLAN-B THEATRE COMPANY FROM SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
BRINGS 'FACING EAST' BY BAY AREA PLAYWRIGHT CAROL LYNN PEARSON
TO SAN FRANCISCO DIRECT FROM ITS CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED OFF-BROADWAY RUN**

"A compact emotional epic."
TalkinBroadway.com

"A vivid rumination on grief."
Variety

"The arrival of this small but affecting play fresh from Salt Lake City seems most timely."
Backstage

**"Some theatre is good drama. Some drama is important theatre.
Plan-B Theatre Company's production of Carol Lynn Pearson's FACING EAST is both."**
NYTheatre.com

"Best Drama 2006"
Deseret Morning News

"Best Play 2006"
Q Salt Lake

SAN FRANCISCO – FACING EAST, an eloquent and multifaceted portrayal of a family grappling with unspeakable loss, comes to San Francisco for a limited engagement August 10-26 direct from its critically-acclaimed off-Broadway run.

FACING EAST is the story of Ruth and Alex McCormick, an upstanding Mormon couple reeling from the suicide of their gay son. Stuck between their faith and their new reality, they encounter their son's partner, Marcus, for the first time.

Although centered on Mormon characters, **FACING EAST** is accessible to anyone of any faith, anyone with a family, anyone who has felt the pain of loss, anyone with hope for change.

FACING EAST will open in San Francisco on August 10, presented by Plan-B Theatre Company @ Theatre Rhinoceros. Written by best-selling author Carol Lynn Pearson, **FACING EAST** will play a limited engagement through August 26. Post-show discussions with the playwright will be held on Saturday, August 11 and Saturday, August 19.

FACING EAST had its world premiere in November of 2006 in Salt Lake City, Utah. It was remounted there in April/May of 2007 in preparation for a limited engagement off-Broadway in May/June of 2007.

The original cast (Charles Lynn Frost as Alex; Jayne Luke as Ruth; Jay Perry as Marcus) and original creative team (Jerry Rapier, Director/Costume Designer; Cheryl Ann Cluff, Sound Designer; Randy Rasmussen, Set Designer; Cory Thorell, Lighting/Props Designer; Jennifer Freed, Stage Manager; Ross Thorell, Crew) remain intact.

Plan-B Theatre Company is one of only three Equity theatre companies in Salt Lake City, Utah. The company has won myriad awards for its productions and will be honored by Equality Utah immediately following the San Francisco run of **FACING EAST** for its contribution to Utah's LGBT community.

To schedule press seats or interviews with the cast, director and/or playwright, please contact Jerry Rapier, Producing Director, at 801.201.9791 or jerry@planbtheatre.org.

FACING EAST
August 10-26

Running Time: 75 minutes, no intermission

Plan-B Theatre Company @ Theatre Rhinoceros | 2926 16th Street (@ South Van Ness)
Tickets \$20 at 415.861.5079 and ticketweb.com | Information at planbtheatre.org/facingeast