



2014 SEASON: SAM SHEPARD

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FINAL PRODUCTION OF 2014 SAM SHEPARD SEASON

November 6 - 23, 2014

PORTLAND, ORE, October 14, 2014 – **PROFILE THEATRE (Adriana Baer, Artistic Director)** opens the final play of the 2014 Sam Shepard Season, ***True West***.

Performances begin November 6 and run through November 23, 2014 on the Alder Stage at Artists Repertory Theatre. Tickets are currently on sale at Profiletheatre.org.

Sam Shepard's ***True West*** follows a few tumultuous days in the lives of brothers Lee and Austin, examining their relationship as they manage fraternal conflicts through brutal, and sometimes disturbingly funny, means.

Many critics see this work as one in Sam Shepard's "family quintet." Within the 2014 Sam Shepard Season, Profile will have presented all five of the "family quintet;" a film screening of *Fool For Love* (November 2013), staged readings of *A Lie of the Mind* (July 2014) and *Curse of the Starving Class* (October 2014), and main stage productions of *Buried Child* (June 2014) and *True West* (November 2014). "With this [*True West*] perhaps his most personal play of all, Shepard let's us in the front door, past his own

family, past memories of lost love, and directly into his own mind. It takes courage and vulnerability to put yourself so wholly up for examination,” says Artistic Director Adriana Baer.

Cast and Creative Team Directed by Adriana Baer, *True West* features Nick Ferrucci, Ben Newman, Duffy Epstein and Diane Kondrat. Scenic design is by Alan Schanke with costume design by Sara Ludeman, lighting design by Kristeen Willis Crosser and props design by Erica Benoit. The stage manager is D Westerholm.

About Sam Shepard

Sam Shepard was born in 1943 in Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He worked as a farmhand and musician before moving to New York to begin his career as a playwright. His first productions, one-acts *Cowboys* and *The Rock Garden*, were performed at St. Mark’s Church-in-the-Bowery. His first full-length play, *La Turista*, was performed at the American Place Theatre and won an Obie Award in 1967. Mr. Shepard spent several seasons with La MaMa and Caffe Cino in New York and as playwright-in-residence at the Magic Theatre in San Francisco. In 1979, he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Drama for *Buried Child*. His screenplay for *Paris, Texas* won the Golden Palm Award at the 1984 Cannes Film Festival. In 1986, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and in 1992 he received their Gold Medal for Drama. Mr. Shepard is also a director and film actor.

About Profile Theatre:

Profile’s mission is to produce a season of plays devoted to a single playwright, engaging with our community to explore that writer’s vision and influence on theatre and the world at large.

True West is sponsored by Bullard Law. Profile Theatre's 2014 Season is supported in part by The Regional Arts and Culture Council, The Oregon Arts Commission, The Oregon Cultural Trust, and the Oregon Community Foundation.

True West Ticketing and Performance Information:

For ticket information, visit Profiletheatre.org or call 503.242.0080. The box office is open from 10am – 1pm Monday through Friday for phone sales.

Ticket Prices:

\$30 for all regular performances. \$25 for all preview performances.

30-and-under Rush: \$15 tickets can be purchased on the day of the performance only, 1 hour prior to curtain time at the box office, subject to availability, by people 30 years old and under.

Groups of ten or more receive a discount off single tickets. Contact the box office at 503.242.0080 for details.

Production Schedule:

Previews begin Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:30pm. Opening night is Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 7:30pm.

Performances run Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30pm; Sunday at 2:00pm. With an added performance on Wednesday, November 19 at 7:30pm.

Location:

Profile Theatre's 2014 Season is performed at Artists Repertory Theatre, located at 1515 SW Morrison Street in Portland.

For directions and parking information, visit Profiletheatre.org/plan-your-visit/.

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