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**Editor's Note:**

**Please note new performance dates. Theatre critics are invited to attend the Opening Night performance, Saturday, March 6 at 8 pm.**

**Photo Caption:**

**In photo B & C: James Samuel Randolph & David Hemphill  
Photography by Eileen Suarez**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**NEW THEATRE IGNITES THE STAGE WITH  
*EQUUS* BY PETER SHAFFER**

*EQUUS* by Tony winning playwright Peter Shaffer comes to New Theatre after its successful 2008 Broadway run. It is the primal and electric story about a 17 year old stable boy and the psychiatrist who seeks to understand the sexual and religious mystery which led the boy to commit an unspeakable and unbelievable act. Mr. Shaffer was inspired to write *Equus* after hearing about a crime involving a 17-year-old and set out to construct a fictional account of what might have caused the incident, without knowing any of the details of the crime.

**WARNING: The play contains cigarette smoking, adult content and nudity!**

*Equus* is directed by Artistic Director, Ricky J. Martinez, and performed by a stellar cast lead by New Theatre veteran James Samuel Randolph as Martin Dysart and making his New Theatre debut, David Hemphill in the role of Alan Strang. Joining them as part of the ensemble are New Theatre veterans, Steven Chambers, Ricardo Rodriguez, Vanessa Thompson, Laura Turnbull and making their New Theatre debuts, Linda Bernhard, Josh Foldy, and Melissa Smith. Returning to New Theatre are Production Stage Manager Dana Hesch, Costume Designer K. Blair Brown, Lighting Designer David Hernandez, Sound Designer Ozzie Quintana and Scenic Designer Nicole Quintana.

*Equus* is sponsored, in part, by Citizens Interested in Arts, Funding Arts Network and Miami Salon Group.

**March 5 – April 4, 2010  
(Press Opening- Saturday, March 6)**

Performances Thursday through Saturdays at 8 pm.  
Sunday at 1 pm. Additional Sunday 5:30 pm on March 14, 21 and 28.

**Ticket information:**

Preview- Friday, March 5 at 8 pm: \$ 20  
Thursday and Sunday evenings: \$ 35, All other performances: \$ 40

Student Rush tickets available for students (under 25 with valid I.D.)  
\$ 15 at the door no earlier than 1 hour prior to curtain.  
Subject to availability.

**Location:**

New Theatre is located in Coral Gables, just one block from Village of Merrick Park at  
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**Contact:**

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## **2009- 2010 Season Schedule**

\* World Premiere

\*\* NNPN World Premiere

### ***The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare**

**August 27 – September 27, 2009**

This classic battle-of-the-sexes romp is the tale of a shrewish woman and her strong-willed husband, both causing havoc on the conventions of courtship and marriage.

### ***In Development\** by David Caudle**

**October 8 – November 8, 2009**

Sex, death, and dramaturgy take the stage at a conference for aspiring young playwrights and their legendary mentor; the previous year had dire consequences, and now lightning seems poised to strike twice.

### ***26 Miles\*\** by Quiara Alegría Hudes**

**November 19 - December 20, 2009**

A Cuban mother defies a custody ruling, kidnaps her estranged Jewish daughter, and the two drive west in search of the authentic American experience.

### ***The Hour of the Tiger\** by Sandra Riley**

**January 22 - February 14, 2010**

An American woman immersed in Japan during the cease fire is tangled between rescuing a geisha from her money hungry master and conquering her own fears.

### ***Equus* by Peter Shaffer**

**March 5 – April 4, 2010**

The primal and electric story of a stable boy and psychiatrist who seeks to understand the sexual and religious mystery which leads to a climactic and unbelievable event.

### **A New Play\***

**TBA**

**April 23 – May 23, 2010**

## **About New Theatre**

**Ricky J. Martinez, Artistic Director**

**Eileen Suarez, Managing Director**

New Theatre was founded in 1986 and is dedicated to the development and production of new works. The theatre has brought the national premieres of more than 30 plays by early- and mid-career American playwrights to South Florida, including New Theatre-commissioned *Anna in the Tropics*, winner of a Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

New Theatre receives major season support from the City of Coral Gables, the Miami Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, the Affairs Council, the Mayor, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and The Florida State Department's Division of Cultural Affairs of Florida. Additional project support is received from Hyatt Regency Coral Gables, Catering by Lovables, Citizens Interested in the Arts, Coconut Grove Bank, The Dramatists Guild Foundation, Florida Power and Light, The Melvin C. and Nancy Morgenstern and The Manny & Ruthy Cohen Foundation, The Miami Salon Group, The Roblee Foundation, The Audrey Love Charitable Trust Foundation, The Burstein Family Foundation, The William J. and Tina Rosenberg Foundation, The Max Minsky & Florence Goldstein Foundation, The Sitkin Family Foundation, American Express Foundation and The Blair H. & Lee D. Temkin Foundation.

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