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Editor's Note:

Theatre critics are invited to attend the Opening Night performance, Saturday, January 29 at 8 pm.

Photo Caption:

High Dive B: Barbara Sloan: Photography by Ricky J. Martinez

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

New Theatre takes the plunge with *High Dive* by Leslie Ayvazian!

New Theatre's (THE NEW) 25th Anniversary continues with the one-person production of *High Dive* by award-winning playwright, Leslie Ayvazian, running January 28 – February 13, 2011. Atop a high dive, a woman terrified of heights chronicles her comic misadventures of past vacations, while her son and a cast of 34 goad her to take the plunge. *High Dive* is a light comedy starring five-time Carbonell nominated actress, Barbara Sloan, where ½ hour before the performance begins she casts the show's supporting role (one-liners) from audience members who are willing to participate.

"The show involves the audience as well. There are thirty-four people involved...and though it's a risky gimmick...it works!" —NY Times.

"HIGH DIVE is well worth the plunge. This brief and light-hearted look at Ayvazian's misadventures...is an engaging and often hilarious show from beginning to end." —NY Daily News.

Leslie Ayvazian is a member of The Ensemble Studio Theatre and a Vineyard Theatre Artist. She has written several one-woman shows, one-acts and full length plays, among them are: *Rosemary and I* (Susan Smith Blackburn Prize finalist), *Nine Armenian* (John Gassner Outer Critics Award for Best New Play, the Roger L. Stevens Award, the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize (2nd place), Columbia University's Anahid Literary Award). She has collaborated with Playwright, Richard Greenberg on the HBO film, *Emma in Concert*; on a cabaret show for Maureen McGovern and wrote the Showtime short film *Every Three Minutes*, which was awarded the Telly Award for excellence. Ms. Ayvazian has taught playwriting as a guest artist at Oberlin College, Smith College, Columbia University, Sarah Lawrence College, Brooklyn College, the Stella Adler Studio, Drew University, NYU and others and has been an adjunct professor at Columbia University and Sarah Lawrence College, where she taught playwriting in the Master's program.

High Dive is directed by THE NEW's Artistic Director, Ricky J. Martinez and returning to THE NEW is Production Stage Manager Vanessa L. Thompson.

January 28 – February 13, 2011
(Press Opening- Saturday, January 29)

Performance times:

Performances are Thursday - Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 1 pm. Additional Sundays at 5:30 pm on February 6 & 13.

Ticket information:

Thursdays & Sunday evenings: \$ 35
All other performances \$ 40
Student Rush (under 25 with ID) Ticket: \$15
at the door based on availability

Subscription information:

3 play Flexible Season Membership: \$ 105
A SAVINGS of 25% off the regular ticket price.

Location:

New Theatre is located in Coral Gables, just one block from Village of Merrick Park at 4120 Laguna Street, Coral Gables, Florida 33146. Conveniently located off of US-1.

Contact:

For tickets, call (305) 443-5909
Or visit www.new-theatre.org

About New Theatre

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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, Florida Department of State Department of Cultural Affairs, and Hyatt Regency Coral Gables. Additional project support is received from Akerman, Senterfitt, WLRN, Funding Arts Network, The Burstein Family Foundation, Melvin C. and Nancy Morgenstern and The Manny & Ruthy Cohen Foundation, Citizens Interested in Arts, Miami Salon Group, The National New Play Network, The Edgerton Foundation, The Harold & Mimi Steinberg Charitable Trust, The Roblee Foundation and The Dramatists Guild Foundation.

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Season Line-up at a Glance

All plays, dates, promotions and prices are subject to change without notice.

25th Anniversary Season 2010-2011 Season

***The Tempest* by William Shakespeare September 2 - 19, 2010**

Stranded on a deserted island with his daughter, a usurped duke is granted his chance at revenge. By invoking a storm, he shipwrecks the man who ruined him. Also among the passengers is the young man who awakens his daughter's first stirrings of love.

***Jack Goes Boating* by Bob Glaudini Southeastern Premiere October 8 – 24, 2010**

Laced with cooking classes, swimming lessons and a smorgasbord of illegal drugs, *Jack Goes Boating* is a touching and warmhearted play about learning how to stay afloat in the deep water of day-to-day living where date panic, marital meltdown, betrayal, and the prevailing grace of the human spirit abound.

***Fizz* by Rogelio Martinez Southeastern Premiere December 3 - 19, 2010**

Gun-toting Southern belles, cocaine-loving Rockettes, and insane soda execs all take part in this based-on-a-true-story comedy about one of history's biggest flops – the creation of New Coke.

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Angelica Torn Starring in *The Radiant* by Shirley Lauro World Premiere March 25 – April 17, 2011

The tempestuous, dramatic life of Marie Curie, one of the world's first recognized woman scientists, whose discovery and isolation of radium earned her two Nobel Prizes and revolutionized science forever, as she ushered in "The Atomic Age" and the first cure for cancer.

***A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams May 20 – June 5, 2011**

This modern classic follows the decline of a fading Southern belle and the sexy, beer-chugging barbarian responsible for her tragic fall.