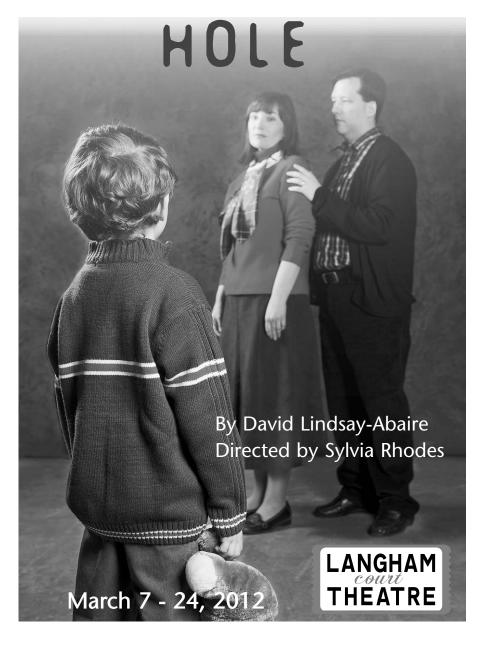
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### **Director's Notes**

A well-written play is like a well -written book, and maybe, even more like a poem, in that there are no superfluous words. No editing is needed! *Rabbit Hole* is no exception. A Pulitzer Prize winner for drama, it deals succinctly, compassionately, honestly and even humorously with a situation which, unfortunately, all of us have to face. How does each of us deal with grief? Is there a right way? A more acceptable way? A more effective way? It is a depressing topic, but when tempered with humour, as in this play, it can provide us with the best kind of theatre: theatre that illuminates our lives.

Sylvia Rhodes

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# RABBIT HOLE

### by David Lindsay-Abaire

March 7 - 24, 2012

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Rabbit Hole is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York

Rabbit Hole is commissioned by South Coast Repertory) Martin Benson, Artistic Director;
David Emmes, Producing Artistic Director) in Costa Mesa, CA
Originally produced by the Manhattan theatre Club, Lynne Meadow, Artistic Director;
Barry Grove, Executive Producer, at the Biltmore Theatre on January 12, 2006.

Director SYLVIA RHODES

Producer ANDREA PITE

Stage Manager ELIZABETH WHITMARSH

Assistant Stage Manager PAUL GILLAN

Set Design TOSHIK BUKOWIECKI

Lighting Design CAROL-ANNE MOORE

Costume Design/Set Dressing/Props VINNIE CHADWICK

Sound Design DIANA KEATING

Properties/Set Dressing | JEAN DE CARTIER

### Cast

LORENE CAMMIADE Becca

KATE HARTER Izzy

ERIC HOLMGREN Howie

GLORIA SNIDER Nat

MALCOLM McLAREN lason

**RYAN McALARY** The Voice of Danny

### Λct I

Scene 1 – late February, Saturday afternoon Scene 2 – later that night Scene 3 – a week later, evening Scene 4 – later that night

There will be one 15 minute intermission

### Act II

Scene 1 – two months later (early May)
Scene 2 – about a week later
Scene 3 – a few days later
Scene 4 – dusk the same day

### **Production Team**

Properties Assistants SILVIA SCHOCH, TATIANA RAGSDALE,

MARILYN KUSS, MICHAEL KUSS, JULIA NEWSON, JAMIE NICHOL

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SONJA OLEJINCZAK, LARA EICHHORN, CAROL-ANNE MOORE

Sound Operators TATIANA RAGSDALE, EMMA DICKERSON, KATHRYN TADDEI

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Set Construction CHARLEY ENCELL, GORDON ALEXANDER,

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**SYLVIA RHODES** 

Director

Sylvia has directed several plays at Langham Court, among which were last season's *The Odd Couple*, female version. Earlier plays directed were *Shadowlands*, *An Act of the Imagination*, *Private Lives* and *The Mouse Trap*. Usually seen on stage, last season she played *The Lady in the Van*.

### **Production Biographies**

### **ANDREA PITE**

Producer

This is Andrea's tenth production at Langham Court and her second as Producer. Andrea says it has been a real joy to be part of *Rabbit Hole* and work with such talented and committed cast and crew. Special thanks to Sylvia, Elizabeth, and the entire back stage crew.



### **ELIZABETH WHITMARSH**

Stage Manager

Rabbit holes and parallel universes, both sound perfect escapes and occasionally Elizabeth would not be averse to disappearing either down them or to them. But more mundanely, as a stress-buster, she just digs large holes in her garden which works a treat. When not digging holes, she occupies her time at Langham Court, stage managing or acting. This is the fourth production this season in which Elizabeth has been involved and every second has been rewarding.



Assistant Stage Manager

Paul is a relative newcomer to the theatre. He worked as the Props Master for Lady In The Van, stage crew for Month In The Country and several productions of Readers' Theatre, all at Langham Court. Paul was one of the "husbands" who got the cold shoulder in Smell Of The Kill (Fringe Festival) and is thrilled to work as Assistant Stage Manager and help with props on Rabbit Hole.





### **TOSHIK BUKOWIECKI**

Set Design

Toshik has had extensive involvement with the Guild over the years. He is kept busy as President of Guild and will be directing *The Foreigner*, the last production of this season. Toshik's other set designs include: *Pack of Lies, Waiting in the Wings, School for Scandal, You'll Get Used To It!...The War Show, The Importance of Being Earnest, The Three Sisters* and *Look Back in Anger*. Thanks to Jean de Cartier and Bill Adams for all their help and support.

### **JEAN DE CARTIER**

Properties

During the 2011/2012 season, Jean has worked on two very different productions *Alice in Wonderland* with St. Lukes Player's and *Rabbit Hole*, both having themes of other universes. She says "I wonder if the version of myself in other parallel universes are having as much fun and challenge as I am having?" Jean acknowledges Langham Court Theatre and St. Luke's Players





### CAROL-ANNE MOORE

Lighting Design

Carol-Anne has had many happy years working with LCT mainly as a lighting operator, but occasionally delving into other aspects of behindstage work (ASM, Properties). Her previous lighting designs were A Shot in the Dark, and Picnic (both in 2009), The Perfect Wedding in 2010 and A Month in the Country in 2011. The challenge of getting it right – or as near to the director's vision as possible - is exciting and intimidating.

Many thanks to all the cast, crew and mentors for their support and inspiration.

### VINNIE CHADWICK

Costume Design

Vinnie has costumed and produced many plays at Langham over the last 20 years. Her latest claim to fame was dresser to the leading ladies of Lady in the Van and Elizabeth Rex. Vinnie is looking forward to her visit to India this November. The highlight of her visit will be seeing the maternity clinic she helped set up 10 years ago. Best wishes to Kate and Malcolm for their first appearance on the Langham stage and to the rest of the cast and crew for a great run.



### DIANA KEATING

**Production Biographies** 

Sound Design Diana is pleased to be working behind the scenes at Langham after a brief hiatus. Her most recent sound designs were for The Perfect Wedding and Sylvia. The music heard throughout this sad but hopeful play is called "Kiss the Rain". Diana has enjoyed working with Sylvia again – listening and learning. She wishes the entire cast and crew a great run.



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### About the Playwright



DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE was born in south Boston, Massachusetts in 1969 to a family he describes as "very blue collar." He attended Boston public schools until the seventh grade, when he received a six-year scholarship to a New England prep school. He majored in theatre at Sarah Lawrence College and was accepted into the playwrights program at the Julliard. David Lindsay-Abaire had his first theatrical success with Fuddy Meers. Rabbit Hole was produced in New York in 2006 and won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. He also wrote Kimberly Akimbo, Dotting and Dashing, Snow Angel, Wonder of the World, The L'il Plays, and A Devil Inside.

His plays walk a fine line between grave reality and joyous lunacy; the world of his plays is often dark, funny, blithe, enigmatic, hopeful, ironic, and somewhat cockeyed. Lindsay-Abaire said: "My plays tend to be peopled with outsiders in search of clarity." This view of life stemmed from his being a working-class student in a prestigious boarding school. He has writing credits for the screenplays for Robots, *Inkheart*, the adaptation of *Rabbit Hole*, and *Spider Man 3*. His recent projects include the book for the musical *High Fidelity*, and the book and lyrics for *Shrek the Musical*. He was awarded the 2008 Ed Kleban Award as America's most promising musical theatre lyricist. His play *Good People* had its official opening on Broadway in March of 2011.



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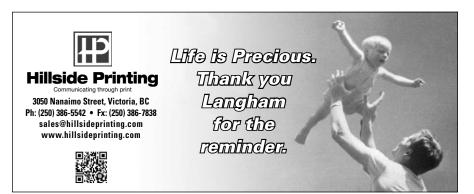


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### LORENE CAMMIADE

Весса

Lorene is enjoying being back at Langham Court after her roles as the outrageously naughty Nicky in Dragon Monkey Theatre's *The Smell of the Kill* during last summer's Victoria Fringe Festival, and the "deliciously nasty" Pam in *A Day in the Death of Joe Egg* for Theatre Inconnu. Recent roles for Langham Court include Mary in *The Memory of Water* and Pauline in *The Lady in the Van*. Lorene dedicates this role to her children who make life worth living!

### **Cast Biographies**

### KATE HARTER

Izzy

Kate originally hails from London, Ontario and is thrilled to be making her Langham Court Theatre debut with such a talented group of people. When she's not treading the boards, Kate works as a barista or spends her free time reading and snuggling on the couch with her husband and two cats. Previous theatre credits include: Heidi in [title of show] (another theatre company),



Milady de Winter in *The Three Musketeers* (LCP), Jessica & Julia Youngstead in *The Last Resort* (LCP), Stephanie Necrophorous in *NINE* (MTP), and Anna in *Closer* (Iglesia Productions).



### **ERIC HOLMGREN**

Howie

Eric was last seen by Victoria Audiences as Ricky Roma in *Glengarry Glen Ross* (StellarJay/Island Repertory). Eric is a recipient of the Best Actor Award at Theatre BC's Mainstage and a"M" Award Nominee as Victoria's Favourite performer. This is Eric's tenth production at Langham Court: *Moon Over Buffalo, Noises Off* and *Barefoot in the Park* being some memorable past

favourites. Recent credits include: *The Boys in the Band* (Dandelion theatre), *Doubt, A Parable* (Nanaimo Theatre Group) & *Copenhagen* (Theatre Inconnu).

### **GLORIA SNIDER**

Nat

Gloria is proud to be part of this challenging production and working with such a talented cast and director. Other Langham performances include Marge Murray in *The Laramie Project*, Mrs. Crump in *That Summer*, Ethel in *Moon over Buffalo*, Miss Clairee in *Steel Magnolias* and Margarita Ivanovna in *The Suicide*.



### MALCOLM MCLAREN

Jason

Malcolm McLaren has been acting on and off for four years now. He has been in such productions as *The Crucible*, with Kate Rubin's Theatre and Drama, *Curtains*, with South Island Musical Theatre Society, but this is his first production with Langham Court Theatre. Malcolm currently works too much, and will be attending Camosun College in the fall. He is having wonderful time with the cast and crew and hopes you enjoy the show!

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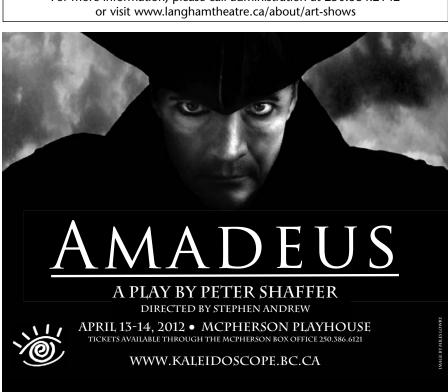
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### Lord Marmalade

From the time I was born I have always been immersed in a world of art. My father was an artist but mostly a musician and my mother a great lover of art. In light of this I came to develop a strong love of music and art and eventually developed my own visual talents over the years which by now amount to pieces ranging from hundreds of ink drawings, sculptures, claywork, collages, watercolors to a few large abstract paintings. I don't pursue one medium in particular and my style is not consistent. As to describe the meaning of my art, well, the pieces are just tales of my mind.

My formal training took place at l'Instituts des Arts Appliqués in Montréal, Québec and the University of Victoria B.C. where I obtained a Bachelor in Fine Arts, Major in Visual Arts.

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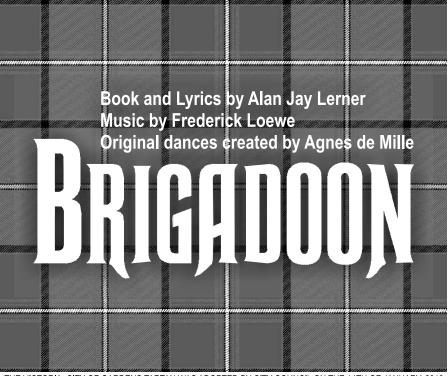
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