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**Monterey Peninsula College Theatre Department to open
"HEAVEN AND HELL ON EARTH – A One Act Festival"
April 10 - 27, 2014
Tickets on sale now!**

MONTEREY, CA – MPC Theatre Department continues it's 2014 season continues with the opening of HEAVEN AND HELL ON EARTH – A One Act Festival

Heaven And Hell On Earth presents a bold, student driven evening of new cutting edge theatre, the likes of which have rarely been seen at MPC in recent years. Showcasing both current and former MPC Theatre Arts Students, this collection of short plays brings a fresh and unique perspective to how we look at ourselves, our world around us, and where we're ultimately going.

Set in a subway station that seems to come from everywhere and leads to the unknown, people come and go as their stories unfold. One young man awaits the birth of his first child; Two young girls contemplate a midnight swim in a black lake promising both warmth and danger; A woman sets off on a cross-country quest for that one, "big love," while a brainy astrophysicist turned serial-killer attempts to murder all the imperfect men in her life; A man and woman in a psychiatric ward attempt to confront the violence lurking both in history and in their own past.

These and other stories deconstruct the joy and pain of living, ultimately bringing the characters face to face with who they are and what their lives mean, as their personal "heavens" and "hells" intertwine.

PLEASE NOTE: HEAVEN AND HELL ON EARTH contains adult material and themes, as well as explicit sexual imagery and language. These are "boundary-pushing" one-act plays that are much edgier than the usual MPC Theatre productions. This evening of one-acts is strongly recommended ONLY for those 18 years and older.

Monterey, CA - Performances will run April 10 – 27, 2014. All tickets are \$8.00 each.

Preview performance on Thursday April 10 at 7:30 PM. Regular performances are Friday & Saturday at 7:30 PM (April 11, 18, 19, 25, 26) and Sunday at 2:00 PM (April 13, 27) in the MPC Studio Theatre.

*** (Please Note: There are NO performances on Saturday April 12 or Easter Sunday April 20) ***

TICKETS

The MPC Box Office is located on the Monterey Peninsula College campus at 980 Fremont Street, downtown Monterey. It is open Wednesday through Friday from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM as well as 2 hours prior to all performances. The Box Office can be reached at 831-646-4213 or at mpcboxoffice@mpc.edu. Tickets are also available online at www.Ticketguys.com or <https://secure3.ticketguys.com/mpc>

SAM FIFE (DIRECTOR)

The Director of HEAVEN AND HELL ON EARTH is Sam Fife. Sam has studied Advanced Directing & Advanced Acting at the Monterey Peninsula College Theatre Arts Department program. Sam has worked with Pacific Repertory Theatre on their outdoor production of ROMEO AND JULIET (2011) and played the lead role of Katurian in THE PILLOWMAN at The Stardust Playhouse in 2012. Sam has also in several MPC Theatre Department productions, portraying such characters as Prince Valiant in THE PRINCES AND THE PEA (2010), Cob Web in THE SNOW QUEEN (2011) and The Prince in CINDERELLA (2013). Two years ago, Sam had the honor of paying respect to his ancestor, Louisa May Alcott, by portraying Brooke in MPC's Storybook production of her beloved classic LITTLE WOMEN (20012).

CREATIVE TEAM

The creative team includes Sam Fife (*Director & Costume Design*); Dan Beck (*Technical Director*); Dani Maupin (*Scenic Designer & Lighting Designer*), Natalie Lamar (*Lightboard & Soundboard Operator*) and Peter De Bono (*Production Coordinator*)

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Fri April 11 - 7:30 PM – *Opening*
Sat April 12 - **NO PERFORMANCE**
Sun April 13 - 2:00 PM

Fri April 18 - 7:30 PM
Sat April 19 - 7:30 PM
Sun April 20 - **NO PERFORMANCE**

Fri April 25 - 7:30 PM
Sat April 26 - 7:30 PM
Sun April 27 - 2:00 PM

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