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Snakebit

by David Marshall Grant

A Room 6 Collaboration
Sponsored by Improbable Fiction

Directed by Kel Haney

Eight Performances Only!
July 26-August 5

Three actors revisit their roles in David Marshall Grant's *Snakebit* for a new production premiering July 26.

Grant's comic drama unfolds over an emotional week in Los Angeles, where married couple Jonathan and Jenifer are visiting their oldest friend, Michael. Jonathan is auditioning for the movie role that could be his big break, while Jenifer worries incessantly over the health of their daughter, who is with relatives at home in New York. Meanwhile, Michael, a social worker, is coping with everything from the superficial (his boyfriend has left him) to the severe (he is not allowed to visit one of his young clients, who is in the hospital after being beaten). Their relationships are tested as secrets are revealed and true colors are shown. An Off-Broadway hit in 1999, Grant's play is still fiercely relevant today as his characters travel into the depths of narcissism, self-doubt and martyrdom, and attempt to find their way back.

Todd Courson (Michael), Quinn Michael Mattfeld (Jonathan) and Erin Roberts (Jenifer) first took on their roles in November 2005 at Pennsylvania Centre Stage, the professional arm of the Penn State School of Theatre, where they were pursuing their MFA degrees in Acting. Now, nearly two years later, they are returning to these characters in a completely new staging, directed by Kel Haney. Though Haney is a Penn State graduate as well, this marks her first collaboration with these actors. As friends and fans of each other's work, the four alumni were looking for the opportunity to create a project together. When the former *Snakebit* castmates were inspired to explore a fresh take on the play, they immediately invited Haney to head up the production, culminating in their first **Room 6 Collaboration**. New York University graduate Paul Downs Colaizzo (Gary) was handpicked by Haney to round out the cast.

Improbable Fiction is a new theatre collective comprised of artists and coworkers committed to utilizing their creative gifts, even in between paying gigs. They are sponsoring this production of *Snakebit* as a part of their mission to promote the creation of quality theatre featuring quality artists. Performance for the fun of it, for the experience of it, for the love of it.

Snakebit is directed by Kel Haney and features Paul Downs Colaizzo*, Todd Courson*, Quinn Michael Mattfeld and Erin Roberts*. *Snakebit* will be performed at The Women's Interart Theatre, located at 500 West 52nd Street (at Tenth Avenue). Performances will take place July 26, 27, 28 and August 2, 3, 4, at 8:00pm, and July 29 and August 5 at 7:00pm. All tickets are \$15 at the door. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made at 212.353.6068.

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