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***Agnes of God* Gives OpenStage Company Member Her Directorial Debut**

John Pielmeyer's Thought-Provoking Drama to Come to Fort Collins This May

FORT COLLINS – OpenStage invites audiences to experience the complex and gripping upcoming production of *Agnes of God*, by John Pielmeyer, and directed by Jessica Emerling Crow. *Agnes of God* is set to captivate audiences at Foothills Unitarian from May 9 through May 24, 2025.

Agnes of God, a renowned work of John Pielmeyer's, will be the second and final etcetera show of OpenStage's 52nd Season. This provocative work about the intersection of science and religion will be performed in Organic Alternatives' Conference Room (344 E. Mountain Ave, Fort Collins). Directed by Jessica Emerling Crow, the play marks her directorial debut. Crow, a well-established Company member who has been acting with OpenStage since its 39th season, brings her wealth of experience to this compelling drama.

This play will feature powerhouse OpenStage Company members Marin Stumpf as Agnes, Producing Artistic Director Sydney Parks Smith as Doctor Martha Livingstone, and Ghandia Johnson as Mother Miriam Ruth.

Marin Stumpf has performed with OpenStage in *Big Fish Small Cast Edition*, *Treasure Island*, *The Revolutionists*, and *Cabaret*.

Sydney Parks Smith's past OpenStage shows include roles in *SWEAT*, *The Revolutionists*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Steel Magnolias* (OPUS Award Winner: Outstanding Actress), *Much Ado About Nothing*, and *August: Osage County* (Colorado Theatre Guild Henry Award – Best Actress and True West Award Winner). Sydney has also directed shows at OpenStage including *The Minutes*, *The Book of Will*, *Hedwig and The Angry Inch*, *Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood*, *Every Brilliant Thing*, *And Then There Were None* (OPUS Award Winner: Outstanding Director), and *Avenue Q* (OPUS Award Winner: Outstanding Director).

Ghandia Johnson most recently appeared with OpenStage in *SWEAT* (OPUS Award Winner: Outstanding Performer). Other past credits of Ghandia's include *Steel Magnolias* (Award Winner: Outstanding Female Lead Actress, Non-Musical), *The Little Mermaid*, *Annie*, *Four Queens- No Trump*, and *Dividing The Estate*. Most recently, Ghandia played Francine/Lena in Arvada Center's production of *Clybourne Park*.

Science. Religion. Fact. Devotion. Do they intersect? The murder of a newborn in a convent warrants the expertise of Dr. Martha Livingstone, a court-appointed psychiatrist, to determine the mental state of the accused novice. But when she faces the pious resistance of Miriam Ruth, the Mother Superior, it inflames the doctor's suspicions surrounding the convent's involvement and leaves questions about. Who killed the infant? Where is the father? Might the convent be behind this debacle? Livingstone's inquisition pushes all three women to call into question the true meanings of spiritual faith and the power of love.

Agnes of God plays from May 9 through May 24. All performances start at 7:30 pm. Visit openstage.com/agnes for a complete list of performances, including a free student/educator performance (May 7), and a pay-what-you-can performance (May 15).

Tickets for *Agnes of God* are \$15-\$27. Tickets are available online at openstage.com/agnes or by calling The Lincoln Center Box Office at 970.221.6730. The box office is open 1 pm-6 pm Tuesday-Saturday.

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Performance Dates

Wednesday @ 7:30 pm: May 7 (Student/Educator), May 15 (Pay What You Can), May 22

Friday @ 7:30 pm: May 9 (Opening Night), May 16, May 23

Saturday @ 7:30 pm: May 10, May 17, May 24 (Closing Night)

Sunday @ 7:30 pm: May 11

Performance Location

Organic Alternatives' Conference Room (344 E. Mountain Ave, Fort Collins)

Cast

Agnes

Dr. Martha Livingstone

Mother Miriam Ruth

Marin Stumpf

Sydney Parks Smith

Ghandia Johnson

Creative and Production Team

Director

Vocal Director

Assistant Director

Stage Manager

Lighting Designer

Costume Designer

Sound Designer/Make-up Designer

Production Manager

Jessica Emerling Crow

Saja Butler

Molly McGuire

Stephen Gillespie

David Grinnell

Sydney Parks Smith

Victoria Villalobos

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