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TARRAGON THEATRE PRESENTS THE WORLD PREMIERE OF AWARD-WINNING PLAYWRIGHT DANIEL MACIVOR'S COMMUNION

Communion
by Daniel MacIvor

World Premiere

Starring: Sarah Dodd, Caroline Gillis, Athena Lamarre

Director: Daniel MacIvor

Set and Lighting Designer: Kimberly Purtell

Costume Designer: Shawn Kerwin

Sound Designer: Verne Good

Stage Manager: Robert Harding

Supported by: John McKellar Foundation

**Communion opens in the Mainspace on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 8:00 pm.
Previews from Tuesday, February 23, 2010.**

Leda (**Caroline Gillis**) is paying her regular visit to Carolyn (**Sarah Dodd**), a therapist, and she's frustrated. She is on the cusp of monumental change in her life, and desperately needs to talk things out, but Carolyn remains a cool and impartial observer. Her silence propels Leda to speak, and reveals she is yearning for insight on how to reconnect with Annie (**Athena Lamarre**), her estranged and zealously religious daughter. She has a secret she needs to share with Annie, but she hasn't figured out how to do that yet. Carolyn is the only one who can help her.

Currently a playwright-in-residence at Tarragon, **Daniel MacIvor** has been creating theatre since 1986. A writer/performer/director, his plays include *Somewhere I Have Never Travelled*, *Yes I Am and Who Are You*, *See Bob Run*, *Wild Abandon*, *This is a Play*, *Marion Bridge* and *How It Works* (Tarragon 2007). As a writer, Daniel is known for his wry comedy, simple wisdom and piercing insight. With long-time collaborator Daniel Brooks, he has also created plays as a writer/performer, including *House*, *Here Lies Henry* and *Monster*, which have travelled through Canada, the U.S., Europe, Israel and Australia. Daniel has twice won the Governor General's Award for Drama, first for his play *House* and in 2006 for his collection of plays entitled *I Still Love You*. He has also won numerous Dora Awards both for acting and directing. His play *Never Swim Alone* won the award for overall excellence at the New York Fringe in 1998 and a Village Voice Obie Award for his play *In On It*, which was presented at PS 122. His play *Marion Bridge*

received its off-Broadway premiere in New York in October of 2005. In 2008 he received the Siminovitch Prize. Daniel is currently working on a film, *Trigger*, with director Bruce MacDonald and long-time collaborators Don McKellar and Tracy Wright.

Communion showcases a powerful cast of three fine actresses, **Sarah Dodd** (*Humble Boy*), **Caroline Gillis** (*A Beautiful View*) and **Athena Lamarre** (Tarragon debut). **Daniel MacIvor** is directing and the designers are **Kimberly Purtell** (*How It Works*, set and lighting), **Shawn Kerwin** (*How It Works*, costumes), and **Verne Good** (Tarragon debut, sound). **Robert Harding** is the stage manager.

Communion previews in Tarragon's Mainspace on Tuesday, February 23, opens Wednesday, March 3 and runs until Sunday, April 4, 2010.

Previews: Feb. 23 – March 2, 2010

Regular run: Tuesday through Saturday at 8 pm
Saturday & Sunday matinee at 2:30 pm

Prices start at \$20; seniors' and students' prices are available. Friday night and Sunday matinee rush are \$10.

Tickets for **Communion** are available online tickets.tarragontheatre.com.

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