



CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY

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CAST ANNOUNCED FOR THE WEST COAST PREMIERE OF CHRISTOPHER SHINN'S *DYING CITY* AT CYGNET THEATRE

SAN DIEGO, CA – Artistic Director Sean Murray is pleased to announce the casting for the west coast premiere of *Dying City* by Christopher Shinn, directed by Associate Artistic Director Francis Gercke and running **September 18 through October 26, 2008** on Cygnet Theatre's Rolando Stage. Low-priced previews are September 18 through September 26. **Press Opening is September 27 at 8pm.**

In Christopher Shinn's remarkable tale of loss and how two very different people handle their grief, we find Kelly, a year after her husband's death in Iraq, confronting his identical twin brother who arrives at her apartment unannounced. The two are forced to explore the repercussions of their loss, confront the secrets of the past, and admit the truth about the tragic legacy that connects them.

Dying City was first produced at the Royal Court Theatre in London in the spring of 2006, and had its American premiere the following spring at the Lincoln Center in New York. It was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

The cast for *Dying City* features **Sean Cox**, who has appeared in several Cygnet productions including *The Receptionist*, *A Little Night Music*, *The Matchmaker* and *My Fair Lady*, as twin brothers Craig and Peter, and **Christy Yael**, making her Cygnet debut as Kelly.

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The creative team is lead by Francis Gercke who will be directing his first show since being named Cygnet's Associate Artistic Director. Mr. Gercke previously directed *Curse of the Starving Class*, a co-production with New Village Arts. The rest of the creative team includes lighting designer Eric Lotze, costume designer Jessica John, set designer Nick Fouch, properties designer Bonnie L. Durben, sound designer Matt Lescault-Wood, and stage manager Ryan Ford.

Christopher Shinn was born in Hartford, Connecticut, and lives in New York. His plays have been premiered by the Royal Court, Lincoln Center, Manhattan Theatre Club, Playwrights Horizons, the Vineyard Theatre, South Coast Rep, and Soho Theatre, and later seen around the world. He is a winner of an OBIE in Playwriting, and a Guggenheim Fellowship in Playwriting. He has received grants from the NEA/TCG Residency Program and the Peter S. Reed Foundation, and he is recipient of the Robert S. Chesley Award. He teaches playwriting at the New School for Drama.

Performances of *Dying City* are Wednesdays at 7:30pm, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets are \$22 - \$38. Discounts are available for seniors, students and military. There are no Wednesday performances during previews.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting Cygnet's website at www.cygnettheatre.com or calling the box office at **619-337-1525**. Tickets can also be purchased in person by visiting the box office located at 6663 El Cajon Blvd. #N, one block west of the intersection of El Cajon and Montezuma.

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CYGNET THEATRE FACT SHEET

DYING CITY

WHAT: Cygnet Theatre Company presents *Dying City*.

WHERE: Cygnet Theatre – Rolando Stage
6663 El Cajon Blvd, Ste N, San Diego, CA 92115

WHO: Written by Christopher Shinn

Director: Francis Gercke
Costume Design: Jessica John^o
Properties Design: Bonnie L. Durben^o
Stage Manager: Ryan Ford

Scenic Design: Nick Fouch
Lighting Design: Eric Lotze^o
Sound Design: Matt Lescault-Wood

CAST: Sean Cox* (*Craig/Peter*)
Christy Yael (*Kelly*)

DATES: Previews begin: Thursday, September 18, 2008
Press Opening: Saturday, September 27, 2008
Closes: Sunday, October 26, 2008

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday at 7:30pm
Thursday - Saturday at 8:00pm.
Sunday at 2:00pm and 7:00pm.

PRICES: Range from \$22-\$38
Previews: \$22
Wednesday Evenings and Sunday Evenings: \$30
Thursday, Friday Evenings and Sunday Matinees: \$32
Saturday Evenings: \$34
Opening Night: \$38
Discounts are available for seniors, students, active-duty military and groups. There are no Wednesday performances during previews.

HOW: Phone: (619) 337-1525
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