



CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY

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CAST ANNOUNCED FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PREMIERE OF **JOHN KOLVENBACH'S LOVE SONG**

SAN DIEGO, CA – Cygnet Theatre presents the Southern California premiere of ***Love Song*** by John Klovenbach. Directed by Esther Emery, the cast will include Cygnet Associate Artistic Director Francis Gercke and Resident Artist Jessica John. Joining them will be David Tierney and Jessa Watson. *Love Song* runs **January 15 through February 22, 2009** on Cygnet Theatre's Rolando Stage. **Press Opening is January 24 at 8pm.**

Beane is an exile from life—an oddball. His well-meaning sister, Joan, and brother-in-law, Harry, try and make time for him in their busy lives, but no one can get through. Following a burglary on his apartment, Joan is baffled to find her brother blissfully happy and tries to unravel the story behind Beane's mysterious new love, Molly. Funny, enchanting and wonderfully touching, John Kolvenbach's offbeat comedy is a rhapsody to the power of love in all its forms.

Love Song premiered at Chicago's Steppenwolf in 2006. Later that year, it opened on London's West End with Cillian Murphy, Neve Campbell, Michael McKean and Kristen Johnston. It has since been performed in Auckland, Seoul, Sydney, Melbourne and Dublin.

John Kolvenbach is the author of *Love Song*, *on an average day*, *Gizmo Love*, *The Gravity of Means* and *Fabuloso*. His latest play, *Goldfish*, was presented at the Pacific Playwright's Festival. *on an average day* premiered at the Comedy Theatre on the West End, starring

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Woody Harrelson and Kyle MacLachlan, directed by John Crowley. *Gizmo Love* premiered at WHAT on Cape Cod in 2006. *The Gravity of Means* premiered at MCC in New York.

Esther Emery previously directed *A Number*, *Communicating Doors* and *Yellowman* at Cygnet Theatre. She is the first recipient of the Jack O'Brien Excellence in Directing award from the San Diego Critic's Circle. Other directing credits *Sight Unseen* at the Old Globe, *Dancing at Lughnasa* at New Village Arts, *Limonade Tous Les Jours* and *Devil Dog Six* (co-directed with Jennifer Eve Thorn) at MOXIE Theatre, *Bunbury* at Diversionary, and the world premiere of *Chrysalis: Rapechild* with Sledgehammer Theatre. Her first full length play, *Rhubarb*, was produced by MOXIE this past spring.

The cast for *Love Song* includes Cygnet Associate Artistic Director **Francis Gercke** (*A Number*, *Desire Under the Elms*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*) as Beane. Resident Artist **Jessica John** (*Communicating Doors*, *Desire Under the Elms*, *Burn This*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*) takes on the role of Molly. **David Tierney** (*The Turn of the Screw*) returns to Cygnet in the role of Harry. **Jessa Watson** returns to San Diego to make her Cygnet debut as Joan.

Performances of ***Love Song*** are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm and 7pm on Cygnet's Rolando Stage located at 6663 El Cajon Blvd., Ste N, San Diego, CA 92115. 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 Cygnet's main box office located at the Old Town Theatre, 4040 Twiggs St. in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

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Cygnet Theatre Company is a 501(k) non-profit organization founded in 2002 by Artistic Director Sean Murray and Executive Director Bill Schmidt. In 2003, Cygnet renovated a storefront at 6663 El Cajon Blvd in the Rolando area into a 157-seat theatre. Cygnet has received over 40 awards and grown to one of the most highly regarded theatre companies in the San Diego area. In December 2007, Cygnet was awarded a 10-year lease by State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Concessions and Reservations Division of the Old Town Theatre. Located in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, the 248-seat venue was renovated during the summer and fall of 2008 and re-opened in November.

CYGNET THEATRE FACT SHEET

LOVE SONG

WHAT: Cygnet Theatre Company presents *Love Song*.

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

WHO: Written by John Kolvenbach

Director: Esther Emery
Costume Design: Jessica John
Sound Design: Jeremy Siebert
Stage Manager: Marie Natoli

Scenic Design: Nick Fouch
Lighting Design: Ashley Johnstone
Properties Design: Bonnie Durben

CAST: Francis Gercke (*Beane*)
Jessica John (*Molly*)
David Tierney (*Harry*)
Jessa Watson* (*Joan*)

DATES: Previews begin: Thursday, Jan 15, 2009
Press Opening: Saturday, January 24, 2009
Closes: Sunday, February 22, 2009

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE
Wednesday through 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
Online: www.cygnetheatre.com
In Person: Old Town Theatre - 4040 Twiggs St., San Diego, CA 92110

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