

For Immediate Release – October 28, 2010

## **A LIE OF THE MIND**

by Sam Shepard

Directed by Stephen Malloy

Main Street Theatre

Little Mountain Studio, 196 East 26th Ave. at Main St.

Nov. 18-Dec. 4, **7:00 PM**

Pay-what-you-can (suggested \$15)

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Main Street Theatre, one of Vancouver's fastest rising independent theatre collectives, is set to open Sam Shepherd's exhilarating exploration of the American Heartland, the award winning, ***A Lie of the Mind***. It is the story of two families in full meltdown, armed against each

other and divided amongst themselves.

**Stephen Malloy** returns to direct a deeply talented cast: **Rebecca Auerbach, Ryan Beil, Josh Drebit, Kathy Duborg, Lara Gilchrist, Patrick Keating, Daryl King, and Barbara Pollard.**

*“The hottest ticket in town”*

Peter Birney, Vancouver Sun

Staged at the company's home base, Little Mountain Studios (195 E. 26th Ave.) the “super-intimate”, “film-like” style that has become Main Street's signature will definitely be at play.

*“see if you can scam someone out of a ticket”*

Jerry Wasserman, vancouverplays.com

*A Lie of the Mind* opens with the character of Jake (Drebit) making a frantic phone call to his brother, Frankie (Beil) detailing how he has beaten his wife, Beth (Gilchrist) to death. In actuality, Beth is still alive, but suffers from terrible brain damage and is being tended to by her father (Keating), mother (Duborg), and brother (King). Meanwhile, Jake's mother Lorraine (Pollard), and sister Sally (Auerbach), take the severely depressed young man back to his childhood home, where they all draw closer and closer to a dark family secret. The play alternates between these two opposing families, until the inevitable "final collision" at the end of the play. The families themselves represent two different aspects of the American West, homesteaders and hunters, but it is less about this rivalry than it is an examination of the bonds of love, family, and marriage...and the damage we can do to them and for them.

***"It doesn't get any better than this"***  
Jo Ledingham, Vancouver Courier

Main Street Theatre Company has been the talk of Vancouver's entertainment community recently. With five Jessie nominations under its belt, the company has established itself in this city in a rapid fashion.

***"I was thrilled to watch them"***  
Katherine Oliver, Georgia Straight

Specializing in the revival of contemporary classics, both previous Main Street Theatre Productions (*Glengarry Glen Ross* – 2008 and *American Buffalo* - 2009) sold out incredibly early, so booking tickets in advance is not just a suggestion, but a necessity. The company's belief in a "more accessible theatrical experience" returns too: All performances of *A Lie of the Mind* are pay-what-you-can (suggested \$15)!

*A Lie of the Mind* plays from **November 19th to December 4th. Start time is 7:00 PM.** Live music and frivolity throughout the intermission. Tickets: **604.992.2313.**

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