

For Immediate Release:

A Story of Forgiveness

Pocket Theatre and Trunk Theatre present *The Amish Project* by Jessica Dickey at the 2015 Edmonton International Fringe Festival. The production stars Clarice Eckford (*Her Mark* and Sterling nominated for *The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble*) and is directed by Amy DeFelice (Sterling nominated for *Or, This Lime Bower*). *The Amish Project* is a fictional exploration of the tragic events of the Nickel Mines, PA shooting in 2006, when a local man walked into an Amish schoolhouse, took the female students hostage and shot ten of them. The play, partly based on interviews with the community, is about recovering from the worse events we can imagine and offering forgiveness. It contains mature content and strong language.

“Extraordinary....compelling...the play is a remarkable piece of writing.” (The New York Times.)

The Amish Project premiered at the New York International Fringe Festival in 2008 in a production starring its author, Jessica Dickey. It then opened off-Broadway at the Rattlestick Playwrights Theater. Jessica Dickey, who is originally from Pennsylvania, is also the author of *Charles Ives Take Me Home* and *Row After Row*. Edmonton based Trunk Theatre and Pocket Theatre’s previous Fringe productions include the Sterling nominated *Dying City*, *Ashes to Ashes*, *A Kind of Alaska* and *Emphysema: A Love Story*.

The Amish Project plays at Stage 8: Old Strathcona Performing Arts Centre (8426 Gateway Boulevard) for 6 performances.

Fri. August 14th 2:15pm
Sat. August 15th 8:30pm
Tues. August 18th 6:45pm
Wed. August 19th 12:15pm
Thu. August 20th 4:00pm
Fri. August 21st 10:15pm



Tickets are available through the Fringe Theatre box office, or www.fringetheatre.ca or by calling 780-409-1910.

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