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MARYLAND ENSEMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS A STAGED READING OF A NEW WORK BY DON THOMPSON *THE GOD OF THIS WORLD*

FREDERICK, MD (March 9, 2014) - **Maryland Ensemble Theatre (MET)** is proud to present a staged reading of *The God of This World*, a new play in development by **Don Thompson**. The reading on March 23 at 7pm will be open to the public for free admission and the playwright will be in attendance for Q&A and welcomes feedback from the audience.

The God of this World is a generational comedy about the tense but often hilarious relationship between a stressed-out, divorced **New York** lawyer and his unemployed blogger daughter. The daughter, who blogs about extraterrestrials, is apparently having intimate relations with an alien. Her mother hears about the situation and becomes determined to stop any alien 'invasion' that might be in progress. Add to the mix the daughter's poly-amorous friend, a corrupt financier, a financial physicist, and a skittish and pregnant dog, and we end up with what author calls "a blending of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, and *Third Rock from the Sun*." Fortunately, love wins out and all is well on Planet Earth.

Don Thompson is a playwright, award-winning filmmaker and producer. His plays have been staged coast-to-coast and been featured in **The New York Times**, **The Los Angeles Times** and **The Washington Post**, and covered on **CNN** and **Good Morning America**. His play *Democracy: A Work in Progress* was co-created with the MET in 2004, received rave reviews and was a Critic's Pick by **City Paper** and Best Bet with **The Baltimore Sun**. His films have won awards at **Sundance**, **Cinema for Peace**, **New York Indie Film Fest** and others, and been screened to audiences worldwide. His next film project is with indie director **Hal Hartley** and stars **Parker Posey**. "It's great to be working with the MET again," says Thompson. "Our collaborations are always fun, and yet we also try to provide a little food for thought."

The staged reading of *The God of this World* will be directed by **MET Associate Artistic Director, Gené Fouché**. The cast will feature an accomplished cast of actors including **Jeanine Evans, Jack Evans, Peter Wray, Caitlyn Joy** and **Shea-Mikal Green**.

Maryland Ensemble Theatre will present the staged reading of *The God of this World* on March 23 at 7pm at Maryland Ensemble Theatre (31 W Patrick St. Frederick) located in the historic **FSK Hotel**. Admission is free and no reservations are required. For more information on the reading or any of the upcoming events at Maryland Ensemble Theatre visit marylandensemble.org or call (301) 694-4744.

For over a fifteen years Maryland Ensemble Theatre has been producing thought-provoking theatre, fun family entertainment, artist residency programs for public schools, challenging classes and the side-splitting comedy.

***The God of This World* Information**

The God of this World by Don Thompson

Directed by Gené Fouché

Featuring: Jeanine Evans, Jack Evans, Peter Wray, Caitlyn Joy and Shea-Mikal Green.

Where: Maryland Ensemble Theatre, 31 West Patrick Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dates: March 23, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Ticket/Info: Free Admission - 301-694-4744 or marylandensemble.org

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