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Manhattan Repertory Theatre Announces Liza Lentini Play Festival

Manhattan Repertory Theatre has announced that they will produce a one week festival of playwright Liza Lentini's works in LIZAFEST! from June 24 – 28, 2009. The week-long festival will feature 9 of the prolific playwright's early works. Included in the line-up is her first play, as well as a series of one-acts about murderous women from history.

Liza Lentini has written over 100 plays, and achieved early success in her native Boston with her first professional production at the age of 19. After receiving her MFA in Playwriting from Southern Illinois University in 1997, she moved to NYC where her work achieved immediate acclaim, including an extended run of *Drowning in Euphoria* at off-Broadway's McGinn/Cazale Theatre in 1999. Her work has also been seen at PS122, The Women's Project, The Cherry Lane, Chicago Dramatists, and Manhattan Repertory Theatre, garnering a multitude of honors and awards. In 2006 she founded Elephant Ensemble Theater (www.elephanttheater.com), a company that brings theater to children in hospitals.

LIZAFEST! will feature New York City actors and directors from Lentini's fifty-plus productions.

"Liza Lentini is an outstanding playwright. Each play is unique, engaging and theatrically surprising. Her attention to character detail is awesome and her dialogue is witty, lyrical at times, and always truthful. We love her work, so we are thrilled to be presenting LIZAFEST!" – Ken Wolf, Artistic Director, Manhattan Repertory Theatre.

Manhattan Repertory Theatre, located at 303 W. 42nd St. in NYC, produces original plays in the heart of Times Square. MRT runs seasonal play festivals, produces Manhattan Repertory Theatre company plays, and produces returning festival artists. Created in 2005 by Ken Wolf, Artistic Director, and Jennifer Pierro, Director of Productions, Manhattan Repertory Theatre has produced over 225 plays, and over 1,500 theatre artists have participated.

LIZAFEST! will run June 24 – 28, 2009 with shows Weds – Fri at both 7:00PM and 9:00PM, with one show Sat and Sun at 7:00. For a complete line-up, visit www.manhattanrep.com or www.lizafest.com

Tickets are \$20, cash only. Ticket reservations for LIZAFEST! can be made at 646-329-6588.

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