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Sidewalk Studio Theatre

4150 Riverside drive

Toluca Lake

Information: Kurt J. Swanson

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SST Productions Presents the US Premiere of “The Crossing”

***Toluca Lake, CA* – Kurt J. Swanson and The Sidewalk Studio Theatre at 4150 Riverside Drive in Toluca Lake proudly present the US Premiere of “The Crossing”. An enchanting one-woman show, written and performed by Rachel Ogilvy**

An obsession with a man is one thing. An obsession with the Golden Gate Bridge is really quite another!

For daddy’s girl Rose, the world was all seaside holidays and Kola Kubes... until, one life-changing day, daddy didn’t come home.

Set against the backdrop of the Golden Gate Bridge, *The Crossing* is a poignant tale of love, loss and learning to move on. As beautifully engineered as the world-famous bridge itself, it’s storytelling at its very best, with the power to bring a lump to your throat one minute and make you gurgle with laughter the next.

Ogilvy’s self-penned solo show tells the poignant tale of Rose, a stressed-out and much-maligned math teacher with an obsession for the Golden Gate Bridge. The famous landmark and feat of engineering is an appropriate setting for the accomplished actress’s steely storytelling, which has enchanted Edinburgh and UK audiences alike.

What the critics say...

"...this one-woman show is a joy. ...told by a wonderful actress who is reminiscent in places of Joyce Grenfell, it is an enchanting tale..." ***Three Weeks Festival Guide (4 Stars *****)***

"...beautifully written and performed by Rachel Ogilvy...the honesty and simplicity of the performance combined with the intricacy of the twists and turns of the plot make this an intriguing and enjoyable show. Get there early or you won't get in...once word gets out this will sell out daily." ***www.one4review.com Festival Guide (4 stars *****)***

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"Expertly delivered...the story of Rose – a lonely math teacher obsessed with the Golden Gate Bridge – is often quite amusing and touching all at once...Ogilvy is the kind of performer with an instinctive understanding of dramatic pace and timing, who can easily hold an audience in the palm of her hand." *The Stage*

"Expressive and eloquent, Ogilvy is a fine performer, while her writing – which seems to well-know the restrictions of a 60-minute monologue – treats themes of loss and loneliness confidently and succinctly, tempering tangible sadness with prickles of humor."
The Scotsman (3 stars ***)

Best known for her long running role as Tiffany in STV's 'High Road', Rachel has recently appeared in Channel 4's Bafta winning 'Dead Set' and will be seen in an upcoming episode of 'Taggart' for STV, to be screened this autumn. She has performed in theatres from Glasgow to London's West End as well as touring in productions worldwide and is the voice of British Telecom in the United Kingdom.

The Crossing at the Sidewalk Studio Theatre, 4150 Riverside Drive, Toluca Lake (just west of Pass Avenue). Tickets are \$20 and are available by calling (818)558-5702 or visiting the theatre on the web at www.SidewalkStudioTheatre.com or www.sstproductions.org.

FACTS:

Dates:

September 11 to October 3, 2009

Days:

Fridays/Saturdays at 8:00 PM

Thursdays September 17 & 24 at 8:00 PM

Sundays September 20 & 27 at 2:00 PM

Location:

Sidewalk Studio Theatre

4150 Riverside Drive (just west of Pass Ave), Burbank/Toluca Lake

Tickets:

\$20

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