

## **THE WRESTLING PATIENT**

By Kirk Lynn in collaboration with Anne Gottlieb & Katie Pearl

This extraordinary new play is based on the true story of Dutch Jewish writer, Etty Hillesum. As WWII engulfs her native Amsterdam, Etty is confronted with a remarkable choice: to hold onto a kind of integrity, or to save her own life. With the help of a charismatic teacher, she enters into the emerging science of psychology and wrestles to answer the demons of her time by looking within herself.

*The Wrestling Patient* brings to light Etty's secret history of musical evenings, therapeutic wrestling matches, black-market strawberries, and midnight prayers. Hers is an amazing transformation during one of the darkest hours in history.

Presented by:

SpeakEasy Stage in association with Boston Playwrights' Theatre and FortyMagnolias Productions.

SpeakEasy Stage Company is a resident theatre company at the Boston Center for the Arts; Paul Daigneault, Producing Artistic Director

Cast : Joel Colodner, Anne Gottlieb, Tom Gottlieb, Daniel Berger Jones, Marya Lowry, Will Lyman, and Will McGarrahan

Director: Katie Pearl

Production Stage Mgr: TBA

Design Team: Richard Chambers, Scenic Design  
TBA. Costume Design  
Franklin Meissner, Jr., Lighting Design  
Ben Emerson, Sound Design

Performing at: The Nancy & Edward Roberts Studio Theatre  
in the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion  
at the Boston Center for the Arts,  
527 Tremont Street in Boston's South End

Press Performance: Mar. 29, 2009—3:00pm

Performance Schedule: Mar. 27- Apr. 11, 2009  
Wed., Thurs. at 7:30PM; Fri at 8 PM; Sat. at 4 & 8; Sun at 3PM  
Added performance, Tues. Apr. 14, at 7:30PM

Ticket Prices: Wed., Th. 7:30PM; Fri. 8, -- \$40.00 / \$35.00 Student/Sr.  
Sat. 4 & 8 PM; Sun. at 3PM -- \$44.00 / \$39.00 Student/Sr.  
Tues. Apr. 14, at 7:30PM - \$40.00/\$35.00 Student/Sr.

Gallery Seats                      \$30 at all times, subject to availability!

Student Rush:                      \$14 with valid college ID, at the box-office only, one hour  
before curtain, subject to availability

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