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## The Chance Theater presents the California Premiere of A painful story about a father's quest for vengeance after losing his son - Graham Farrow's *Talk About The Passion* opens Sunday, February 10th

Anaheim Hills, CA (January 7, 2008) -- As the second production in their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season, The Chance Theater is proud to present the California Premiere of Graham Farrow's riveting drama ***Talk About The Passion***. The show will run from February 10<sup>th</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and is directed by David Colwell.

The play explores the story of a man who, following the murder of his only child, is forced to endure the attention that accompanies the release of the killer's best-selling autobiography. How far will a father go to get even? And how does the woman who published the novel defend her actions? Timely and controversial, ***Talk About the Passion*** is an engaging drama that confronts society's morbid fascination with terrible crimes and our habit of forgiving the criminal and criminalizing the victim.

Director David Colwell was attracted to the piece for its relevancy to current events. "While ***Talk About the Passion*** looks at the phenomenon of exploiting pain for profit and its consequences, one must ask what makes pain profitable?" Colwell said. "Is it a natural human appetite to vicariously experience someone else's pain? Undoubtedly the media is blameworthy; however, in today's society, aren't we all culpable? I find that this play provides an interesting prism through which to look at this thought-provoking issue."

After receiving its premiere in 1998 at the Bird's Nest in London, ***Talk About The Passion*** has been performed across the globe, including Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

The cast features Chance Resident Company Member Casey Long (whose last Chance appearance was in *Sunday in the Park with George*), as well as Laurel Feierbach, who makes her Chance debut with this production.

If you would like to arrange an interview with the director or cast, would like more information, reservations or complimentary press passes, please call (714) 777-3033.

### Performance & Ticket Information

Tickets: \$25-\$22

Performances: February 10 - March 16, 2008; Thu. 8 p.m.; Sun. 7 p.m.

*Preview - Thursday, February 7 at 8 p.m.; includes post-performance talkback*

*Opening Gala - Saturday, February 10 at 7 p.m.; includes catered reception*

PLEASE NOTE: This play contains adult language and mature subject matter.

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## About The Chance Theater

Recently voted the #2 Live-Theater Group by *OC Register* readers, The Chance is proud to be entering its Tenth Anniversary Season. A recipient of the 2007 Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle's (LADCC) Polly Warfield Award for Excellence, a vital component of The Chance Theater's mission has always been to intimately present personally meaningful, uniquely engaging stories that promote dialogue within our community and provide a visceral experience for theatergoers. As a constituent member of Theater Communications Group (TCG) and Network of Ensemble Theaters (NET), The Chance continues to bring national attention to Southern California theater through its recent achievements, which include a 2006 GLAAD Media Award nomination for Outstanding Los Angeles Theater; recognition as the 2004 Arts Orange County Outstanding Arts Organization; and participation in the 365 Days/365 Plays National Theater Project.

## Quick Reference

### *Playing in Repertory with Talk About The Passion...*

February 2 – March 16, 2008 [Fri 8pm; Sat 2pm & 8pm; Sun 2pm]

**ASSASSINS** by Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman, directed by Oanh Nguyen

Join us for a darkly-comic and compelling look at the lives, loves, and legacies of nine presidential assassins. A warped and tuneful tour through history, Stephen Sondheim's *Assassins* explores the dark underbelly of the American dream. Last season's major musical put you in the mind of an artist. To open our tenth anniversary season, we will put you face-to-face with these infamous killers.

### *Coming Soon to The Chance...*

May 3 – June 15, 2008 [Fri 8pm; Sat 2pm & 8pm; Sun 2pm]

**THE BRAIN FROM PLANET X** by David Wechtner & Bruce Kimmel, directed by Bruce Kimmel

\* *Orange County Premiere*

\* *Part of Festival of New American Musicals*

A hilarious musical send-up of bad 50's sci-fi movies, ***Brain From Planet X*** tells the story of an alien invasion circa 1958. A Brain and its two alien cohorts arrive on Earth with a plan to take over the San Fernando Valley - starting with a happy nuclear family. It's the first step on the road to their quest of taking over the entire planet and destroying the family unit. This rousing, toe-tapping musical features a dancing, singing brain ... what more could you want from a musical?

May 11 – June 15, 2008 [Thu 8pm; Sun 7pm]

**RABBIT HOLE** by David Lindsay-Abaire, directed by Oanh Nguyen

\* *Orange County Premiere*

The Corbetts have everything a family could want, until the day their world is turned upside down. Teeming with wit, compassion and honesty, this is a story of family, with beautifully developed relationships that allow us to recognize ourselves in the characters. Don't miss this Pulitzer Prize-winning play by one of the "hottest" playwrights in the country!

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