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**DOORWAY ARTS ENSEMBLE PROUDLY PRESENTS
EAST COAST PREMIERE OF SEX & EDUCATION**

“Levin’s hilariously irreverent dialogue spins along briskly, bringing many laughs along the way while introducing characters who prove endearing despite their outrageous behavior ” - *Backstage West*

East Coast Premiere**SEX AND EDUCATION**by **Lissa Levin**directed by **Perry T. Schwartz**starring **Ellen Mansueto, Emily Thompson** and **Jonathan Douglass**

October 28, 2011 – November 20, 2011

Special Performance: November 14, 2012

(Bethesda, MD) The **Doorway Arts Ensemble** (DAE) welcomes home critically-acclaimed Lissa Levin's saucy , comedic gem **SEX AND EDUCATION** for the official East Coast Premiere. Presented as part of the **Arts Alive Theatre Series** in the Cultural Arts Center at Silver Spring, Artistic Director and Lead Producer **Perry T. Schwartz** directs a cast that includes local favorites **Ellen Mansueto, Emily Thompson** and **Jonathan Douglass** in this homecoming production.

Levin’s **SEX AND EDUCATION** had its start with the DAE in the 2009 Kennedy Center Page-to-Stage Festival. After a successful World Premiere run in the Capital Fringe Festival 2010, the play went to California for further development and its West Coast premiere at the Victory Theatre Center in Burbank, CA.

Doorway Arts Ensemble is proud to have nurtured this project from the first stages of development as a one-act play. This revised script returns now for the East Coast premiere. The success of **SEX AND EDUCATION** can be attributed to the great talent and vivacity of the playwright and DAE’s ability to discover, develop, and launch emerging artists and contemporary new works.

SEX AND EDUCATION opens October 28, 2011 at 8:00pm in Theater 2 at the Cultural Arts Center of Montgomery College in Silver Spring, MD, and runs through November 20, 2011. Shows are nightly at 8:00pm Thursday through Saturday and on Sundays at 2:00pm. The theatrical community is specially invited to attend an Industry Night pay-what-you-can performance on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 8:00pm.

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ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT:

Lissa Levin is a playwright, librettist/lyricist, and a twenty-five year veteran of television as a writer/producer. Levin won the prestigious Kleban Award for her libretto for *Twist of Fate*, her musical with Ron Abel, composer, which also won L.A. Weekly's Musical Of The Year, two L.A. Drama Critics Circle Awards, and was nominated for an Ovation Award for Best Musical. Levin's television credits include the Emmy Award-winning *Mad About You and Cheers*; *WKRP In Cincinnati*, *Family Ties*, *Complete Savages* (Mel Gibson, Co-Executive Producer), *Thunder Alley* (with Ed Asner), *Mr. Belevedere*, *A Different World*, and *All In The Family* spin-off *Gloria* (with Sally Struthers), amongst many others. Levin is proud co-author of *Pisser*, (written with composer Adryan Russ), a musical rant about the lack of sufficient bathroom stalls in women's restrooms in theaters. The show-stopping sensation was presented at *Life's A Stitch*, a theatrical evening Levin helped develop and produce with Russ, benefiting the Dr. Susan Love Research Foundation. A staunch activist in the fight against breast cancer, Levin also produces *Lovejam* (formerly *Mammojam*), the Foundation's annual Hollywood dance club night featuring Louis Van Amstel of *Dancing With The Star*. Levin is currently writing the book for the musical *Hazel*, based on the iconic cartoon and TV character, with Ron Abel and lyricist Chuck Stephen.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Tickets: \$20 General Admission; \$10 for Seniors; \$5 for Montgomery College Students, Faculty and Staff. Opening Weekend and Special Performances are Pay-What-You-Can.

Location: Theatre 2, Cultural Art Center at Silver Spring, Montgomery College 7995 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910

Free Parking: Lot and Parking Garage behind Cultural Arts Center off Georgia Ave at King Street

Metro: Red Line to Silver Spring, S2 Bus towards Silver Spring

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ABOUT DOORWAY ARTS ENSEMBLE

Under the leadership of founding Producing Artistic Director, Claire Myles, Doorway Arts Ensemble (DAE) provides an artistic entrance and platform for exceptional talent. DAE works to develop and support a theater company that champions the production of new plays written by the best of promising playwrights and spotlighting new theater talent throughout the Washington, DC metro area. We offer the community opportunities to experience socially relevant new works at affordable prices or as free events.

Questions about Arts Alive Theatre and Montgomery College may be directed to Artistic Director Perry T. Schwartz by email perry.schwartz@montgomerycollege.edu or phone (240) 567-1387.

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