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Jobsite Theater presents

Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead

GOOD GRIEF! Teens struggling with sex, death and identity!

Tampa, Fla. – Jobsite Theater, resident theater company at the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts (formerly the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center) and recipient of the 2009 *Creative Loafing* Best of the Bay Award for Best Theater Company, presents the “unauthorized parody” that features America's favorite cartoon gang 10 years after the events of their 50-year old comic strip. The darkly comic and poignant *Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead* plays the Shimberg Playhouse Aug. 4-22.

When CB's dog dies from rabies, he begins to question the existence of an afterlife. His best friend is too stoned to provide any coherent speculation. His sister has gone goth. His ex-girlfriend has recently been institutionalized and his other friends are too inebriated to give him any sort of solace. But a chance meeting with an artistic kid, the target of this group's bullying, offers CB a peace of mind and sets in motion a friendship that will push teen angst to the very limits. Drug use, suicide, eating disorders, teen violence, rebellion and sexual identity collide and careen toward an ending that's both haunting and hopeful.

In 2004 *Dog Sees God* was one of the breakout hits at the New York International Fringe Festival, winning the Excellence Award for Best Overall Production, as well as Theatermania's Play Award of 2004, the GLAAD Media Award for Best Off-Off-Broadway production, Broadway.com's 2006 Audience Award for Favorite Off-Broadway Production and the 2006 HX Award for Best Play.

"*Dog Sees God* doesn't feel like the same old high-school-warfare schlock. The characters—teenage and reckless—are both genuinely sympathetic and unquestionably cruel. Growing more hysterical—and more harrowing—as it flows to an inevitable, uncomfortable end, this taut comedy manages to make tired clichés about stoners and popular homecoming airheads funny and endearing." — *New York Magazine*

Dog Sees God features Shawn Paonessa as CB, Kari Goetz as CB's Sister, Jason Vaughan Evans as Van, Summer Bohnenkamp-Jenkins as Van's Sister, Richard Kennedy as Matt, Spencer Meyers as Beethoven, Meg Heimstead as Marcy and Katrina Stevenson as Tricia. *Dog Sees God* is directed by David M. Jenkins with lighting and set design by Brian Smallheer.

Dog Sees God runs Aug. 4-22 in the Shimberg Playhouse at the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$24.50 and are available at the Straz Center Ticket Office window, by calling 813.229.STAR (7827) or online at www.strazcenter.org. \$10 rush tickets will be available for students, seniors and military with cash and a valid ID as of 30 minutes to curtain, and there is a specially priced preview performance Wednesday, Aug. 4, with all seats at \$10.

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