

Falcon Theatre presents

the West Coast Premiere of **Dissonance**

Written by Damian Lanigan

Directed by Crispin Whittell

Previews begin February 1

OPENS Friday, February 10 at 8pm

December 13, 2011, Burbank, CA – Falcon Theatre is proud to present the west coast premiere of *Dissonance*, written by **Damian Lanigan** and directed by **Crispin Whittell**, the fourth production of its 2011-2012 Subscription Season. This clever and touching show stars Daniel Gerroll (*Sex and the City, Burn Notice*), Skip Pipo (*Equus*), Peter Larney (*The Violet Hour*), Elizabeth Schmidt (*The League*) and Jeffrey Cannata (Falcon Theatre's *The Psychic*).

When the Bradley Quartet arrive in New York for a concert honoring their ten years together, tension builds as their jealousies and frustrations rise to the surface. The fragile harmony between James (Daniel Gerroll), Paul (Skip Pipo), Beth (Elizabeth Schmidt), and Hal (Peter Larney) is disrupted when Beth, the cellist, agrees to give music lessons to Jonny (Jeffrey Cannata), one of America's biggest rock stars. Musical and personal conflicts intertwine and implode, throwing the futures of the four musicians into doubt. Egos, loyalty and love are all put to the test in this witty, buoyant, and ultimately moving play of music and musicians.

PREVIEWS: February 1-4 at 8pm; February 5 at 4pm

February 8 & 9 at 8pm

OPENING NIGHT: Friday, February 10, 2012 at 8pm

SHOW CLOSES: Sunday, March 4 at 4pm

PERFORMANCES Wed. – Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 4pm

PRICES **Previews** \$29.50 - \$32.00

 Opening Night
 \$52.00 - \$57.00

 Weekdays (Wed/Thurs)
 \$34.50 - \$37.00

 Weekends (Fri/Sat/Sun)
 \$39.50 - \$42.00

Student Rate (valid student ID) \$27.00

Tickets on sale January 4, 2012

Tickets can be purchased online at www.FalconTheatre.com or call the FALCON THEATRE BOX OFFICE at (818) 955-8101.

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Damian Lanigan (Playwright) was raised in Manchester, England and attended Christ Church, Oxford University. He is the author of two novels: *Stretch*, 29 and *The Chancers*, both published by HarperCollins. He has written his own shows for both BBC Radio (*Stockport*, *So Good They Named it Once*, *Fathers*) and for BBC Television (*Massive*). Damian's plays include *Dissonance*, *San Andreas* and *The Talents*. He has also been a columnist for ESPN and The Daily Telegraph. Damian appears in the upcoming feature *The Wedding Video*, an improvised ensemble comedy produced by Anonymous Content (*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*) and Before The Door Pictures (*Margin Call*). He also wrote and created the amusing little web series *Points*, which is worth a look. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife and two children.

Crispin Whittell (Director) Theater (as a writer and director): Killing Her, Killing Him, Success (Pleasance Edinburgh); Happy Valley (Liverpool Everyman); Stupidity (National Theatre Studio); Clever Dick (Hampstead Theatre); Villa America (Williamstown Theatre Festival). As a writer: Party Tricks (Nottingham Playhouse); Darwin in Malibu (Birmingham Rep); A Christmas Carol (Guthrie Theater). Television (as writer): Happy Birthday. As writer and director: Hot Dog. As director: Twisted Tales, Coming Up. Awards: TMA Award Nomination Best New Play for Darwin in Malibu. The Falcon Theatre staged the US premiere of Crispin's play Darwin in Malibu. He is currently writing a new stage play and a new musical for the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, and is under commission to write new plays for Birmingham Repertory Theatre and Hampstead Theatre in the UK.

The Falcon Theatre is a 130-seat performing arts space located in the Burbank, California media district. Built by Director/Writer/Producer Garry Marshall and his daughter Kathleen Marshall LaGambina, the Falcon offers a 5-play subscription series from August through April, in addition to summer productions. The Falcon Theatre is located at 4252 Riverside Drive in Burbank, California. www.FalconTheatre.com