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## LONG BEACH PLAYHOUSE LAUNCHES

45<sup>TH</sup> STUDIO SEASON THIS WEEKEND WITH

## SAMUEL BECKETT'S *WAITING FOR GODOT*

LONG BEACH, CA: Long Beach Playhouse is proud to present *Waiting for Godot* by Samuel Beckett, directed by Carl daSilva. Originally written in French (*En attendant Godot*), Samuel Beckett translated his own work thereby creating what many critics feel to be the most significant English language play of the 20th century. The French version of the play premiered in January 1953 in Paris. Ever since, *Waiting for Godot* has been dissected and discussed, searching for Beckett's intended meaning.

daSilva's admits that it is a "dream come true" for him. "It gives me great pleasure to finally direct *Waiting for Godot* after a thirty-plus year love affair with this revolutionary work of art," states daSilva. With that kind of passion, daSilva will work his magic on this particular classic as he directs a strong cast that includes Karl Schott, Anthony B. Cohen, Steven Biggs, Kyle Bryan Hall, and Terren Mueller.

Two dilapidated men wait by a tree for the enigmatic Godot. With nothing but each other and a tree to occupy their time, questions of the nature of man arise. So many questions and so few answers: What is the meaning of our lives? Why do some of us suffer so much more than others? Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* has been asking the big questions since it was first produced.

**Opening Night Champagne Reception with the entire cast on Saturday, April 9, 2011.** Long Beach Playhouse is proud to **re-commence performances on Thursday nights** in the Studio. *Waiting for Godot* will continue on Thursday nights (8 p.m.), Friday nights (8 p.m.), Saturday nights (8 p.m.) and Sunday matinees, (2 p.m.) through Saturday, May 7.

Pay what you can Thursday on April 7

Half-price preview night, Friday, April 8. Tickets are \$11

Tickets are available at [www.lbplayhouse.org](http://www.lbplayhouse.org), or by calling 562-494-1014, ext. 550.

**To reserve your media tickets to this performance or to schedule a preview interview, please email your name and media credentials to: [pr@lbplayhouse.org](mailto:pr@lbplayhouse.org)**

Long Beach Playhouse is located at 5021 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach, CA, 90804, right across from the Long Beach Recreation golf course. The Playhouse is community-supported theatre that cuts across age, gender, ethnic, and cultural boundaries. Performances for the Studio Theatre are at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. The box office is open Wednesday-Saturday from 3:00-8:00 pm & Sundays from 1:00-2:00 pm on scheduled matinees only. For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.lbplayhouse.org](http://www.lbplayhouse.org) or call 562-494-1014.

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