

PRESS RELEASE

**STUDIO
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EXTENDED!

INAUGURAL PRODUCTION OF THE STUDIO LAB IS A SUCCESS WORLD PREMIERE OF *LUNGS* EXTENDED MUST CLOSE OCTOBER 23

“Smart and stimulating. Beguilingly modest and rewardingly polished.” —*The Washington Post*

World Premiere

LUNGS

by **Duncan Macmillan**

directed by **Aaron Posner**

starring **Brooke Bloom** and **Ryan King**

now extended through October 23, 2011

in the Milton Theatre

With ecstatic reviews for *Lungs* and the new Studio Lab, we are pleased to announce the extension of **Duncan Macmillan**'s play. *Lungs* is the first play produced as part of **The Studio Lab**, which is dedicated to stripped-down productions of new plays, with all tickets \$20. Don't miss this “frank romance with a sharp eye for what terrifies and tickles us” (*Metro Weekly*); a show that critics are praising for its “crystalline honesty” (*Bright Young Things*) and “outstanding” (*The Washington Post*) performances, praised for their “conviction and sensitivity” (*Washington City Paper*).

The world is getting hotter, there's unrest overseas—the seas themselves aren't very calm—and one couple is thinking about having a child. *Lungs* is a smart and funny drama that follows a couple through the surprising lifecycle of their relationship, as they grapple with questions of family and change, hope, betrayal, happenstance, and the terrible pain that you can only cause the people you love.

MORE PRAISE FOR *LUNGS*

“The performances are fantastic! With material and performances this rich, two characters talking to one another is all you need.” —*Washington City Paper*

“Studio Theatre embarks on an exciting new path with *Lungs*...an auspicious start to the company's ambitions as midwife to original plays.”—*The Washington Post*

“5 Stars! An adventurous, sensational new work. Studio Theatre has something special in *Lungs*. Pitch-perfect!”—*Metro Weekly*

“Bravura Acting...their timing is impeccable. It's extraordinary to watch...90 straight minutes of pure dialogue and pacing and moving and moving us.” —*Brightest Young Things*

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“A very funny play in which human fears, desires and failings are absolutely credible. If the productions that follow are of the same quality, the Studio Lab will surely be around for a long time.”
—*Washington Examiner*

“5 Stars” —*Maryland Theatre Scene*

*The Studio Theatre 2011-2012 Season is generously underwritten by **Robert and Arlene Kogod**.*

Underwriting for the International Plays of the 2011-2012 Season was provided by an anonymous donor.

*This production of **Lungs** is underwritten by **David and Jean Heilman Grier** with additional support from **Jon and NoraLee Sedmak**.*

Produced by The Studio Theatre in a rolling world premiere with Paines Plough and Sheffield Theatre (UK) in Autumn 2011.

LUNGS INFORMATION

Where: The Milton Theatre

Dates: Now playing. Must close October 23, 2011

Performances: Wednesday-Sunday: 7:30pm. Note: No evening performance on October 23.

Matinees: Sunday at 2:30pm

Ticket Prices: All seats \$20

Starring: **Brooke Bloom** (W) and **Ryan King** (M).

Director and Designers: **Aaron Posner** (Director), **Luciana Steconi** (Set Design), **Colin K. Bills** (Lighting Design), **James Garver** (Sound Design), and **Adrien-Alice Hansel** (Dramaturg).

THE STUDIO THEATRE INFORMATION:

The Studio Theatre is Washington’s premiere venue for contemporary theatre, “where local audiences will find today’s edgiest playwrights” (*Variety*). Founded in 1978 by Joy Zinoman, the theatre is in its second season under the leadership of Artistic Director David Muse. Muse is joined by Keith Alan Baker, Managing Director/Artistic Director, 2ndStage; Serge Seiden, Associate Producing Artistic Director; and Morey B. Epstein, Executive Director of Institutional Development.

One of the most respected mid-sized theatres in the country, The Studio Theatre produces the work of today’s greatest writers, augmented by occasional productions of modern classics, performed by acclaimed actors in intimate spaces. Studio’s programming, while purposefully eclectic, emphasizes plays of sophistication and style with true literary and theatrical merit. The five plays of The Studio Theatre Season form the core of its work, and are complemented by its Special Events, which bring unique performances and one-of-a-kind events to Washington DC; the rawer, frequently irreverent productions of The Studio 2ndStage; and the Studio Lab, in its inaugural season, which is dedicated to stripped-down productions of invigorating new work. Housed in a landmark complex that anchors the 14th Street Arts District, each of Studio’s four theatres seats fewer than 225 patrons, giving Studio productions their signature intimacy. Throughout the Theatre’s 34-year history, the quality of its work has been recognized by sustained community support as well as by 271 nominations and 55 Helen Hayes Awards for excellence in professional theatre. In addition, The Studio Theatre Acting Conservatory has trained over 10,000 students, many of whom have gone on to acclaimed careers across the country. A premiere cultural organization in Washington DC, The Studio Theatre serves more than 75,000 people annually and is proud to make a vital contribution to its neighborhood and city.

DISCOUNTS

Groups: for parties of 10 or more. Call the Group Sales Manager at 202-232-7267.

Pay What You Can: Saturday, October 1, 2011.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Accessibility: All performances are fully accessible to accommodate patrons with special needs.

FM listening assistive system available. Call for schedule of sign-interpreted performances.

Accessible seats available by reservation. Call the Box Office at 202-332-3300 or V/TTY 202-667-8436.

Location: 1501 14th Street, NW (Northeast corner of 14th and P Streets).

Parking: Please call the Box Office for parking information.

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Metro Stops: Red Line: Dupont Circle, Orange/Blue Lines: McPherson Square, and Green/Yellow Line: U Street/Cardozo.

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