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# The Studio Theatre

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## **EXTENDED FURTHER!**

**A MUST-SEE HIT! NEIL LABUTE'S *REASONS TO BE PRETTY* EXTENDS FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> TIME! NOW PLAYING THROUGH MAY 30!**

**"A juicy little hit – LaBute at his best!"** – *The Washington Post*

**"Terrific! Studio is doing [LaBute] proud!"** – *Washington City Paper*

A critical sensation! Not to be missed! Due to overwhelming demand, The Studio Theatre is pleased to announce the further extension of **Neil LaBute's** "volcanic" *Reasons to Be Pretty!* The show has been extended for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and is now playing through **May 30!** Get your tickets today! Just call 202-332-3300 or go online to [www.studiotheatre.org](http://www.studiotheatre.org).

Neil LaBute once again takes no prisoners, tackling the taboos and unspoken truths of contemporary American life. *Reasons to Be Pretty* concludes LaBute's trilogy exploring America's obsession with physical beauty, a trilogy he began with two Studio Theatre favorites, runaway hits *The Shape of Things* and *Fat Pig*. In this fiercely dark comedy, the "bad boy of American theatre" takes us on a wild ride through the national obsession with what it means to be pretty. *Reasons to Be Pretty* is directed by the newly-announced future Artistic Director of The Studio Theatre, **David Muse**.

## **MORE ACCOLADES FOR *REASONS TO BE PRETTY***

**"4 Stars! A Standout! Provocative! Wonderful Ensemble."** – *Metro Weekly*

**"Compelling! Poignant!"** – *Washington Blade*

**"Wrenching! Surprising! A rewarding dramedy that's landed for what could be another long engagement at the LaBute-loving Studio Theatre!"** – *The Washington Examiner*

## ***REASONS TO BE PRETTY* INFORMATION**

**Featuring:** **Ryan Artzberger** (Greg), **Thom Miller** (Kent), **Teresa Stephenson** (Carly) and **Margot White** (Steph).

**Director and Designers:** **David Muse** (Director), **Debra Booth** (Set Design), **Michael Giannitti** (Lighting Design), **Kate Turner-Walker** (Costume Design) and **Neil McFadden** (Sound Design).

**Where:** The Mead Theatre

**Dates:** EXTENDED FURTHER! Now playing through May 30, 2010

**Performances:** Tuesday-Sunday: 7:30pm,

Matinees: Saturday and Sunday 2:30pm

**Ticket Prices:** \$35-\$63

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## THE STUDIO THEATRE INFORMATION:

**“Most of the best plays I saw last season were either presented Off Broadway or by such regional companies as... Washington’s Studio Theatre. That’s the new reality of drama in America.”**

— Terry Teachout, *Wall Street Journal*

The Studio Theatre is Washington’s premiere venue for contemporary theatre, and is **“where local audiences will find today’s edgiest playwrights...a place for innovation,”** according to *Variety*. The Studio Theatre’s mission is to produce the best in contemporary theatre. Its restless, innovative spirit makes it a leader both in Washington DC, and in the nation. Artist-founded and artist-driven, The Studio Theatre demands the highest quality production values, bringing audiences provocative writing along with unparalleled artistry in performance, directing and design.

Founded in 1978, The Studio Theatre is led by the driving force of Joy Zinoman, Founding Artistic Director, whose recent work has been called **“riveting,” “beautifully orchestrated” and “inspired”** by *The Washington Post*; along with Keith Alan Baker, Managing Director/Artistic Director, 2ndStage; Serge Seiden, Associate Producing Artistic Director; and Morey B. Epstein, Executive Director of Institutional Development. In 2004, The Studio Theatre opened a new four-theatre complex, a major landmark that anchors the 14th Street Arts District. The complex was quickly hailed as **“a magnificent theatre space that promises more memorable evenings to come”** (*Washington City Paper*). The Studio 2ndStage creates edgy, explosive and electrifying productions that complement The Studio Theatre’s season. *The Washington Post* proclaimed that 2ndStage **“has long been a playground for... directors and actors (and, naturally, some of its riskier experiments)”** and that a **“convention-defying approach informs many 2ndStage offerings.”** The Studio Theatre provides opportunities for developing theatre artists as year-long apprentices. The Studio Theatre Acting Conservatory offers rigorous professional theatre training in close partnership with the working artists at The Studio Theatre. Now in its 35<sup>th</sup> year, it has been called **“the area’s premiere professional training facility for actors and directors”** by *Variety*. The Conservatory has trained over 8,000 actors and directors, now performing on Broadway, Off Broadway and in theatre and film across the country. The Studio Theatre is deeply invested in the community and in the eclectic vitality of its neighborhood.

## DISCOUNTS

**Student, senior citizen (62+) and military discount:** \$5.00 off (except Saturday evenings).

**Student Rush:** \$19 tickets for full-time students are available one-half hour before curtain on a seating available basis (except Saturday evenings).

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

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW (Northeast corner of 14th and P Streets).

**Parking:** Please call the Box Office for parking information.

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

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