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SIXTY MILES TO SILVER LAKE PLAYWRIGHT DAN LEFRANC WINS MAJOR PLAYWRITING AWARD!

On April 16 *The New York Times* announced that Dan LeFranc was the recipient of the 2010 New York Times Outstanding Playwright Award for his play *Sixty Miles to Silver Lake*, now playing at The Studio 2ndStage. “The judges admired the skill with which Mr. LeFranc mapped out two complicated characters in a difficult relationship,” said Sylviane Gold, chair of the award selection committee and a frequent contributor to the *Times*. “We also wanted to honor the theatrical imagination he used to transform an everyday situation – a father-son drive – into a highly dramatic one.”

Dan LeFranc writes with an edgy perspective, incomparable to any of his contemporaries. He is a graduate of Brown University’s MFA playwriting program and a former student of prominent playwrights Paula Vogel and Naomi Iizuka. His plays include *Origin Story*, *Bruise Easy*, *Night Surf*, *In the Labyrinth*, *The Fishbone Fables*, *Backyard*, *Kill The Keepers* and *Catgut*. His work has been produced and developed at institutions such as Page 73 Productions, Soho Rep, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Vineyard Theatre, Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, Sundance Theatre Institute, MCC, The Kennedy Center, American Repertory Theatre, Portland Center Stage, ArsNova, Rattlestick Playwrights Theater, Clubbed Thumb and American Theatre Company.

In *Sixty Miles to Silver Lake* a father and son barrel down a highway in a car where nothing is what it seems and everything can change in an instant. A sixty-mile drive down a California highway can be the ride of a lifetime. Dan LeFranc brings an original slant to the most basic of human relationships as he constantly adjusts the audience’s sense of time and space to create an authentic sense of the raw emotion between a father and son.

The prize will be presented on May 13 at a ceremony at the Times Center in Manhattan. The first recipient of *The New York Times* Outstanding Playwright Award, in 2009, was Tarell Alvin McCraney for his play *The Brothers Size*. McCraney has also been a feature at The Studio Theatre with his plays *The Brothers Size*, *In the Red and Brown Water* and next season’s *Marcus; or the Secret of Sweet*.

Starring: Andrew Sonntag (Denny) and Chris Mancusi (Ky).

Director and Designers: Serge Seiden (Director), Luciana Stecconi (Setting), John Burkland (Lighting), Ryan Gastelum (Sound) and Brandee Mathies (Costumes).

SIXTY MILES TO SILVER LAKE INFORMATION

Where: Stage 4
Dates: April 14–May 9, 2010
Performances: Wednesday-Saturday: 8:30pm, Sunday: 7:30pm
Ticket Prices: \$30
Press Opening: Sunday, March 18, 2010

THE STUDIO 2NDSTAGE INFORMATION:

The Studio 2ndStage creates edgy, extreme and electrifying productions that complement The Studio Theatre’s season, all presented in its flexible raw space, Stage 4. *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.”

DISCOUNTS

Student, senior citizen (62+) and military discount: \$5 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.

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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.

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

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