

'AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY' is one bitch of a family reunion!

***Starring LAUREN LANE of TV's The Nanny and ZACH's
Becky's New Car
Opens at ZACH Theatre March 31***

WHO: ZACH – Austin's Theatre and Texas' longest running theatre company presents:

WHAT: AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY
Written by Pulitzer-Prize Winner **TRACY LETTS** • Directed by **DAVE STEAKLEY** • Starring **LANA DIETRICH, MICHAEL HOLMES, LAUREN LANE** and **JANELLE BUCHANAN**

This scathingly hilarious tragicomedy of cataclysmic proportions is one bitch of a family reunion! When Dad unexpectedly vanishes into a sweltering Oklahoma summer night, the rest of the Weston clan rushes home to figure out what the hell happened. No easy feat with their serpent-tongued matriarch whose prolific pill-popping only sharpens her vitriolic outbursts. And if mama ain't happy ... she'll make sure you're worse! Perfectly subversive, this entertaining turbo-charged saga shocks with each new diabolically funny bombshell that's dropped.

Director Dave Steakley notes: "August: Osage County is an actors' dream show, in that all of the roles are so well-written and it is about the strength of the ensemble's interplay and relationships. We saw more than 300 actors for this play and I have assembled a first-rate company of veteran Austin actors along with newcomers to our stage that I know will create a hilarious and riveting evening of memorable theatre."

"Tracy Letts describes his play as a 'political parable'. It is resonating so deeply with audiences all across the U.S. this season, not only because of the way audiences are identifying with the dysfunctional Weston family, but also because of the larger conversation about our nation it provokes."

WHERE: ZACH Theatre's Kleberg Stage

1421 W. Riverside Dr. (Corner of Riverside Dr. and S. Lamar.)

WHEN: **Previews:** Thursday and Friday, March 31 and April 1 (7:30 p.m.)
Champagne Opening Night and Press Night: April 2 (7:30 p.m.)
Performances continue through MAY 22, 2011 (Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.
@7:30 p.m.; Sunday @2:30 p.m.)

TICKETS: Tickets range from \$20 to \$49. \$15 tickets are available to students starting one hour prior to curtain time. Charge tickets by phone at 512-476-0541, ext. 1 or visit <http://www.zachtheatre.org>.

• **LINKS:**

- [Video: AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY on CBS Early Show](#)
- [Tracy Letts talks about writing AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY](#)
- [Steppenwolf Theater's biography on Tracy Letts](#)

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About ZACH Theatre

Founded in 1933 and named for Austin-reared actor Zachary Scott, ZACH Theatre is celebrated for producing innovative, dramatic, musical and comedic entertainment of the highest quality. As Texas' longest running theatre company and Austin's leading professional theatre, ZACH Theatre features the best and brightest talent from Austin and nationwide. Under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Dave Steakley and Managing Director Elisabeth Challener, ZACH's unique productions and intimate theatre experiences have been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts, The Shubert Foundation, and *The New York Times* as well as with numerous theatrical awards. ZACH serves more than 170,000 Central Texas adults and youth each year at its two-theatre home in the heart of Austin. ZACH Theatre is also a leader in the Austin community, fostering artistic education, expression and development in children, teens and adults through a variety of outreach opportunities.

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