

THE GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE POSTPONES *THE BIRTHDAY PARTY*

NEW SEASON OFFERING TO BE ANNOUNCED

LOS ANGELES – Due to unforeseen circumstances *The Birthday Party* directed by Oscar winner William Friedkin at the Geffen Playhouse has been postponed to a future date. A new season offering will be added this summer. Subscribers will be contacted shortly with further information regarding the replacement show. Single ticket holders may contact Audience Services at 310.208.2028.

“Postponing the run will give us the opportunity to present the best production of *The Birthday Party* to our audiences who have come to expect the highest quality from the Geffen,” said Artistic Director Randall Arney.

In the coming months the Geffen will present two world premieres, *Ruth Draper’s Monologues* starring Annette Bening and *The Country House*, a Manhattan Theater Club commission by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Donald Margulies. An additional show will be added this summer to complete the 2013-2014 season.

“We are always in conversation with the best and brightest in the theater industry and confident that we will add a new show to our season that the audience will enjoy,” said Managing Director Ken Novice.

The Birthday Party was scheduled to begin previews at the Geffen Playhouse on February 4 with William Friedkin directing a cast that includes Katie Amess, Frances Barber, Steven Berkoff, David O’Hara, Tim Roth and Nick Ullett.

ABOUT THE GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE

The Geffen Playhouse has been a hub of the Los Angeles theater scene since opening its doors in 1995. Noted for its intimacy and celebrated for its world-renowned mix of classic and contemporary plays, provocative new works and second productions, the Geffen Playhouse continues to present a body of work that has garnered national recognition. Named in honor of

entertainment mogul and philanthropist David Geffen, who made the initial donation to the theater, the company was founded by Gilbert Cates, and is currently helmed by Artistic Director Randall Arney, Managing Director Ken Novice, General Manager Behnaz Ataee, Chief Development Officer Regina Miller and Co-Chairs of the Board Martha Henderson and Pamela Robinson Hollander. Proudly associated with UCLA, the Geffen Playhouse welcomes an audience of more than 130,000 each year, and maintains an extensive education and outreach program, designed to engage young people and the community at large in the arts. For more information, please visit www.geffenplayhouse.com.

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