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NEWS RELEASE

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PLAYWRIGHT JUDITH LEORA BACK IN RESIDENCE AT THE VICTORY WITH

THE WEST COAST PREMIERE OF *ELIJAH*

Hurricane Elijah has closed down all the roads in a small town in Texas. A disparate group of people take refuge in a *TGI Fridays* restaurant. It's low on staff, with little food but loaded with revelatory exchanges between both intimates and strangers. Weather permitting, a high-profile execution is scheduled in a nearby prison - which will impact many. Mercy and violence are not easy to reconcile in this little corner of the world. *Elijah* tells the story of a brave young woman who wants to reconcile with her past - so she can free her future. It's a very human dramedy by the critically acclaimed writer of *Showpony*.

Playwright Leora says: "As a playwright, it's a godsend to find a theatre that is not just deeply invested in developing new work, but also in producing it. To do so twice at the same theater, which consistently attracts an incredible team of designers and actors and produces high quality productions, is an extremely valuable gift. I'm thrilled to be returning to the Victory with the West Coast premiere of *Elijah*."

"The histories we carry, both from our own background and generationally, demand scrutiny and reflection. The shadows of these events affect our decisions and relationships. They can limit our successes and blind our perceptions. This play is a funny, poignant revelation of secrets ruling lives, of opinions becoming battles and of the need to find freedom from one's past," says director Maria Gobetti. "It's also a play about reconciling differences. Apropos in this time maybe!"

Artistic Director/Producer Tom Ormeny says: "We try to pick material that reflects our complicated times and still entertains. Judith Leora is a wonderfully funny and deeply impactful playwright. Her love of the humanity of our mistakes drives her comedy and the laughs are always rooted in significant social and political concerns."

The West Coast Premiere of Elijah opens for press on November 1, 2, & 3 and runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 4 p.m. through Dec 15. Three low-priced preview performances take place on October 25, 26, & 27. Tickets range from \$28-\$40, except previews which are \$17. Senior & group rates are available. The Victory Theatre Center is located at 3326 W. Victory Blvd in Burbank, CA 91505. For information and to purchase tickets, call 818-841-5421 or go to www.thevictorytheatrecenter.org.

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WHO:

Written by **Judith Leora**

Directed by **Maria Gobetti**

Starring **Molly Gray, Jordan Wall, Jesse Merrill, Elle Vernee, Kathleen Bailey & Mackenzie Rickaby**

Produced by **Tom Ormeny, Maria Gobetti, Gabriel Ormenyi**

Presented by **The Victory Theatre Center**

WHEN:

Previews: Oct 25, 26, 27

Opening: November 1, 2, 3

• Fridays at 8 p.m. • Saturdays at 8 p.m. • Sundays at 4 p.m.

WHERE:

The Big Victory Theatre

3326 W Victory Blvd

Burbank, CA 91505

HOW:

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TICKET PRICE:

• General Admission: \$28

• Preferred Seating: \$40

• Previews: \$17

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