

God leaves, but the devil is always here – especially at the Port Authority

Howling Moon Cab Company Presents

PAWNSHOP ACCORDIONS

A New Play by Jonathan Wallace

Directed by Aaron Gonzalez

Part of The New York International Fringe Festival (FringeNYC)

Playwright was an EMT in New York City for 5 Years; play is based on his experiences

August 9th - 16th, 2008

At the Theatre at 45 Bleecker Street

June 20, 2008 – ***PAWNSHOP ACCORDIONS***, the latest play from Jonathan Wallace, will be presented as part of **The New York International Fringe Festival (FringeNYC)**. Aaron Gonzalez will direct. Performances will be at the Theatre at 45 Bleecker Street, and will begin on **August 9th** and will continue through **August 16th**.

About The Play

PAWNSHOP ACCORDIONS tells the story of a cynical EMT, a mute accordionist, a sinister Albanian, and a prophetic schizophrenic struggle to protect one another. This latest play from Jonathan Wallace is a hallucinatory drama of community and violence in New York's netherworld.

Professional accordionist and clown **Gina Samardge** will play Zaida, the mute accordionist, and will perform live accordion music during the play, including traditional Eastern European and klezmer songs and original compositions.

About The Cast and Creative Team

The cast for ***PAWNSHOP ACCORDIONS*** includes **Tim Cain, Henry Caplan, Brian D. Coats, David Tawal, Gina Samardge, and Shpend Xani**.

The design team will be **Miguel Angel Valderrama** (Lighting), **Michael Hetzer** (Sets), and **Ren Ladassor** (Costumes).

Aaron Gonzalez will direct. Aaron's previous credits include *Save My Brother* and *Saving Carmella* for Howling Moon Cab Company, and *The New Quixote* at the Lincoln Center Institute. He is a graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts, along with the designers **Ren Ladassor** and **Michael Hetzer**.

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About the Author

Jonathan Wallace has had several plays produced in New York City and the Hamptons. Full-length plays include *Shapeshifter*, *The Shadow-Pier*, *Waves and Beaches* and *The Turtle Tattoo*. His short plays have been performed at The Flea Theatre, The Lark Theatre, The Stephen Talkhouse (Amagansett, NY), the Civic Center in Valdez, Alaska, John Drew Theatre in Easthampton, 13th Street Repertory, and outdoors in Brooklyn Bridge Park and the Avenue B Gardens. Wallace's short play, *Rockettes*, is included in a 2007 anthology edited by Roger Ellis, published by Meriwether. Wallace lives in Amagansett, NY with his playwright wife, Meri, and their elderly box turtle, Berryman.

He has received high praise for his earlier plays:

The Shadow-Pier: "Brilliant....It is not often that one sees a play that takes genuine aesthetic and structural risks while having something real and vital to say. *The Shadow-Pier*...is a masterpiece..." - offoffonline.com

Waves and Beaches: "Playwright Jonathan Wallace has a sure sense of character definition and a fine-tuned ear for crackling, sometimes poetic, sometimes touching dialog....obviously a man with a load of talent."
- The Southampton Press

The Turtle Tattoo: "Wallace's script is interesting and original...a compelling and unique theatrical work."
- nytheatre.com

PAWNSHOP ACCORDIONS is drawn from Jonathan's experiences working as an emergency medical technician on ambulances in New York City, where he answered 911 calls for over five years.

PAWNSHOP ACCORDIONS will play the following schedule:

SAT 8/9 @ 2:15 pm

SUN 8/10 @ 5:15 pm

WED 8/13 @ 7:15 pm

THUR 8/14 @ 3:15 pm

SAT 8/16 @ 9:30 pm

Tickets will be \$15.00 for all performances. Tickets may be purchased by calling **866-468-7619**, or online at **FringeNYC.org**. For more information about the play, please visit www.howlingmooncabcompany.com.

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August 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 2:15pm
10 5:15pm	11	12	13 7:15pm	14 3:15pm	15	16 9:30pm

TICKETS: \$15

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