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### WE ARE FAMILY—THE HUB THEATRE AND BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON UNITE FOR COMMUNITY DISCUSSION ON SAME-SEX ADOPTION

**Marc Acito**, award-winning author, NPR personality, and playwright of the new comedy *Birds of a Feather*, will moderate a panel discussion about same-sex adoption at **Booz Allen Hamilton** on June 24, 4:00-5:00 pm EDT. The panel is sponsored by Booz Allen's GLOBE forum, the firm's employee group for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender employees, and their allies. It is free and open to the public and a live webcast will be available.

**Marc Acito** will moderate **We Are Family-A Discussion About Same-Sex Adoption**, and Booz Allen Vice President **Troy Koforth** will offer opening remarks. The panel includes local adoption experts as well as Booz Allen staff who have navigated same-sex adoption challenges successfully. The panelists are: **Janice Goldwater**, Executive Director, Adoptions Together, Inc; **Natalie Jackson**, Booz Allen Total Rewards; **Ellen Kahn**, Family Project Director, Human Rights Campaign and Board President, Rainbow Families DC; **Roberta Leftwich**, Sr. Associate and Adoptive Parent; **Valerie Moodee**, Booz Allen Employment Practices.

**Helen Pafumi**, The Hub's Artistic Director and Founder says, "The conversation about same-sex adoption is an important one for our community to have. Families happen everywhere, and we hope this panel discussion and *Birds of a Feather* will help people think more broadly about love, family, and adoption—including adoption by same-sex couples."

Opening July 15 at The Hub, the new play, *Birds of a Feather* tells the true story of Roy and Silo, two male chinstrap penguins in the Central Park zoo, who partner, adopt and hatch an egg, and together raise a chick. Performances continue through August 7. For more information about **The Hub Theatre** and *Birds of a Feather*, visit [www.thehubtheatre.org](http://www.thehubtheatre.org).

The panel discussion is free and open to the public, however space is limited and registration is required. To register, visit: <http://events.signup4.net/WeAreFamily>.

**The Hub Theatre** presents:

*Birds of a Feather* by **Marc Acito**, directed by **Shirley Serotsky**

Featuring: **Dan Crane**, **Matt Dewberry**, **Eric Messner**, and **Jjana Valentiner**

Creative Team: **Robbie Hayes** (Scenic Design), **Andy Cissna** (Lighting Design), **Veronika Vorel** (Sound Design), **Deb Sivigny** (Costume Design), **Eric Arnold** (Stage Management)

**July 15 - August 7, 2011**

Performances at The John Swayze Theatre at the New School of Virginia

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Tickets: \$25 adults, \$15 children and seniors

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