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## **The Hub Theatre Closes Season Three with the World Premiere of Marc Acito's *Birds of a Feather***

**The Hub Theatre** will close its third season with a world premiere from award-winning author and NPR personality, **Marc Acito**. *Birds of a Feather* opens on July 15 at the John Swazye Theatre at the New School of Northern Virginia where The Hub Theatre is in residence. Performances are scheduled to continue through August 7, 2011.

The Fairfax-based Hub Theatre provides an interesting venue for *Birds of a Feather*. The play recounts the story of Roy and Silo, the two Central Park Zoo chinstrap penguins who partnered, adopted an egg, hatched and raised a chick together. Roy and Silo are no strangers to the spotlight. In 2005, they were the subject of a widely contested children's book, *And Tango Makes Three*, by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson. The book, temporarily pulled from school bookshelves in Loudoun County, became one of the most banned books in the US.

**Helen Pafumi**, The Hub's Artistic Director says, "I think most great stories are love stories. Although extremely funny, absurd, and couched in the tale of these controversial topics, *Birds of a Feather* is, at its heart, a story about the many faces of love. Together, these ingredients make for a rich night of theatre, and we are excited to share it with our community."

**Marc Acito** is the author of the comic novels *How I Paid for College: A Novel of Sex, Theft, Friendship and Musical Theater* (Editors' Choice - *The New York Times*), and its sequel *Attack of the Theater People*. A former professional opera singer, Marc occasionally performs "singing commentaries" on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* and writes the "Ask the Book Doctor" blog at [MakeMusicals.com](http://MakeMusicals.com).

The world premiere will be directed by accomplished stage director, **Shirley Serotsky**, who received a Helen Hayes nomination in 2008 for her Rorschach Theatre production of *References to Salvador Dali Make Me Hot*.

The Hub Theatre, a professional, nonprofit theatre based in Fairfax, Virginia, is a member of the Arts Council of Fairfax and The Helen Hayes Awards.

**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)

Performances: **July 15 - August 7, 2011**

At The John Swayze Theatre at the New School of Northern Virginia

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

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