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The Hub Theatre
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THE HUB THEATRE CONCLUDES ITS THIRD SEASON WITH THE WORLD PREMIERE OF *BIRDS OF A FEATHER*

[Marc] Acito has fantastic narrative chops – People Magazine

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

By **Marc Acito**

Directed by **Shirley Serotsky**

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

Opening **July 15**, running through **August 7, 2011** in the John Swayze Theatre

The Hub Theatre closes Season Three with a world premiere from award-winning author, **Marc Acito**.

Birds of a Feather tells the true story of the gay penguins who tried to hatch a rock in the Central Park Zoo, the pair of hawks who threw bones and gristle out off a Fifth Avenue co-op, and the bird-brained human behavior they all inspired. *Birds of a Feather* received a workshop treatment during Portland's JAW: A Playwrights Festival, and will receive its world premiere on July 15, 2011 at **The Hub Theatre**.

The Hub, in residence at The New School in Fairfax, Virginia, provides an interesting venue for *Birds of a Feather*. Fairfax was one of the counties that protested a children's book tackling the same story and topic. The children's book, *And Tango Makes Three* has become 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.

The premiere production will be directed by the 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*.

Birds of a Feather features an impressive cast, including **Dan Crane, Matt Dewberry, Eric Messner, and Jjana Valentiner**. The creative team includes: **Robbie Hayes** (Scenic Design), **Andy Cissna** (Lighting Design), **Veronika Vorel** (Sound Design), **Deb Sivigny** (Costume Design), **Eric Arnold** (Stage Management).

BIRDS OF A FEATHER INFORMATION

Where: The John Swayze Theatre (at the New School), Fairfax, VA

Press Opening: July 15, with performances continuing through August 7, 2011

Performances: Friday-Saturday: 8:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday: 2:00 pm

Ticket Prices: \$25 (adults), \$15 (students and seniors)