



The CHAMELEON THEATRE CIRCLE

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The Chameleon Theatre Circle studies the End Zone at Benchwarmer Bobs in Burnsville

Burnsville, Minn—August 2006—The award winning Chameleon Theatre Circle brings *The Shadow Box* to Benchwarmer Bobs in Burnsville. This play, written by Michael Cristofer and directed by Cris Tibbetts, studies the dynamics of relationships that occur when a family member or friend is in the final phases of life.

In this poignant play, three different families struggle with the inevitability of death, and their inability to express everything they want to. Set in a pastoral hospice, *The Shadow Box* examines questions not only of death and loss, but also of love, identity, and each person's place in the world. *The Shadow Box* won the 1977 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, and the Tony Award for Best Play in 1977.

Nigel Linden of The Chameleon Theatre Circle stated: “We are bringing this production to Burnsville because many folks in our community are wrestling with the loss, or imminent loss of loved ones, and the play helps us process what we are going through.” With respect to the unique venue choice, Linden said “By performing this play at Bob’s we are able to use a non-traditional setting to bring intimacy to the subject matter. Folks may choose to wine and dine from a special menu before the play, and we will have a discussion forum after each show.”

The winner of three state competitions and 24 awards, Chameleon is widely recognized as one of the best community theatres in the country. Their production of *The Shadow Box* opens September 15 and will run for three weekends.

The director, Cris Tibbetts stated: “I’m delighted that this company is taking on such a wonderful dramatic work, with such a beautiful message, and that they’ve entrusted the production to me. I’ve wanted to do this show for about fifteen years, because it speaks so completely to the human experience in a broad range of ways that most plays don’t even come close to.”

Tibbetts, of Minneapolis, has nearly twenty years of directing experience in venues around the state.

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A full cast list with their city of residence, along with photographs of the cast in rehearsal is available on request, or may be downloaded from <http://press.seetheatre.org> .

Audience members can arrive an hour before the show, and select appetizers, entrees and deserts from an extensive menu of items.

The Shadow Box will perform at Benchwarmer Bobs on the following dates/times:

Dinner served from 7:00 p.m. performance at 8:00 p.m. on the following days:
Friday, September 15; Saturday, September 16; Friday, September 22; Thursday, September 28;
Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30.

Dinner served from 12:30 p.m., performance at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 24.

Tickets are: \$13 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. To reserve tickets by phone, please call 952-898-4195.

Incorporated on January 8, 1998, The Chameleon Theatre Circle (TC2) continues to succeed in accomplishing the company's mission of providing an engaging and complete experience to their audience through growth and development of all participants in a nurturing and unified environment. Now in their ninth season, *The Shadow Box* will be Chameleon's fifty-second production. In addition to known plays and musicals, Chameleon supports developing playwrights with its *New Play Festival*, now in its eighth year. The company has produced eight world premieres, including *Monsters in America*, an original play written by the company, and a collection of seven plays written by seven playwrights performed in one production. Chameleon's production of *Hair* was also featured on PBS. The Chameleon Theatre Circle has been a strong participant in MACT*Fest over the years, winning "Best in Show" in three out of four appearances, with two productions moving on to compete in the national AACT*Fest. In all, the company has won twenty-four awards in theatre festivals.

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