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Beginning July 18, 2008, Intersection for the Arts in San Francisco Will Host the Lorca Summer Festival, Federico Garcia Lorca's *Blood Wedding*, *Yerma*, and *House of Bernarda Alba*, Performed by Pangs Theater Ensemble

(San Francisco, CA) - Pangs Theater Ensemble announces that, from July 18 through August 2, 2008, Intersection for the Arts will host the Lorca Summer Festival, consisting of Federico Garcia Lorca's "rural trilogy" of plays, *Blood Wedding*, *Yerma*, and *House of Bernarda Alba*, which Pangs Theater Ensemble will perform in a series. The plays will be directed by Wolfgang Thompson, Pangs Theater Ensemble's Artistic Director, recognized for his modern multi-disciplinary pieces and his physical style of direction.

Federico Garcia Lorca, friend and contemporary of Pablo Neruda and Salvador Dali, and one of Spain's most treasured poets and playwrights, is remembered as a martyr due to his premature death involving his capture and murder by fascists at age 38 due to what many believe were his leftist leanings, his work's criticism of conservative social structures, and his homosexuality. While his death is shrouded in mystery, some believe that he was tortured and suffered a gruesome death due to his homosexuality, his body then thrown into a mass grave and his work banned in Spain by General Francisco Franco's regime until the 1950's when censored versions of his work were released.

Blood Wedding is a story of love turned tragic because of traditional, oppressive social structures and family rivalry. *Blood Wedding* will be performed on July 18 and 26.

Yerma tells the tale of a virtuous woman oppressed by traditional society. It explores the subjects of marriage, childbearing, and suffering under an orthodox social system. *Yerma* will be performed on July 19 and August 1.

The House of Bernarda Alba is a play about brutal repression, sexual jealousy, maternal control and finally death, in which a tyrant widow locks her daughters away from the outside world. *House of Bernarda Alba* will be performed on July 25 and August 2.

Pangs Theater Ensemble is a performance company founded in San Francisco in 2004 producing modern multi-disciplinary work and classics. Its work is marked by a physical style of performance and direction, as well as its incorporation of historical and modern elements into its productions. Even classics are presented applying a physical, multi-disciplinary approach, including a strong focus on choreography, patterns of body movement, and exploration of the physical space among the characters. Pangs Theater

Ensemble's physical approach is developed by its Artistic Director Wolfgang Thompson. Pangs Theater Ensemble is a member of Theatre Bay Area and B.A.P.S.T.

Wolfgang Thompson, Pangs Theater Ensemble's Artistic Director, has recently directed Georg Buchner's *Woyzeck*, Moliere's *Don Juan*, and his own multi-disciplinary performance pieces *Resolved* and *Lamb*, his work commended by audiences and the press. In the upcoming season, Mr. Thompson will direct *Sonderkommando*, the second in his Holocaust trilogy of multi-disciplinary performances, the *Virginia Woolf/Anne Sexton Project*, Shakespeare's *Julius Cesar*, and Strindberg's *Miss Julie*.

The Lorca Summer Festival is sponsored in part by funding from San Francisco Grants for the Arts.

What:

LORCA SUMMER FESTIVAL
The "Rural Trilogy" of plays by Federico Garcia Lorca, Blood Wedding, Yerma and House of Bernarda Alba

Where:

INTERSECTION FOR THE ARTS
446 Valencia St. (between 15th and 16th St.)
San Francisco, CA
www.theintersection.org

Who:

PANGS THEATER ENSEMBLE
www.pangstheater.com
415-515-0851

When:

July 18, 19, 25, 26, Aug 1 and Aug 2, 2008
At 8pm

Tickets:

Tickets \$25-\$12 Sliding Scale
Available now at www.pangstheater.com
and
Brown Paper Tickets: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/32108>

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