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PULITZER PRIZE WINNING SWEAT OPENS AT THE GAMM A Breathtaking Drama about Labor, Love, Loss

WARWICK, RI (October 6, 2022) – **The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre** presents **Lynn Nottage’s *Sweat*** – one of the most heralded plays of recent years. **Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for drama**, this contemporary masterwork speaks to the plight of the American worker and the fragile bonds that hold our communities together. **Sometimes shocking and often surprisingly funny, *Sweat* captures the roots of economic insecurity with power and grace.**

With a cast of newcomers and Gamm favorites, **Rachel Walshe**, the theater’s associate artistic director, helms the story of working-class friends brought to a tragic breaking point by the decline of manufacturing jobs and the pressures of family. **A collision of race, class, and friendship among steel mill workers, *Sweat* speaks to this moment in American history**, Walshe noted.

“There are many fault lines in the landscape of American politics. The collapse of the steel industry and the financial ruin it brought to laboring families across this nation is one that ***Sweat*** animates with fearlessness and compassion. **I am so excited to bring this play to Rhode Island audiences who I hope see their own humanity, struggles, joys and fights reflected in the lives of the powerful characters in *Nottage’s* masterpiece,**” Walshe said.

Sweat runs from **Nov. 3-27** at **The Gamm Theatre, 1245 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI**. Tickets: **\$55-\$65**; preview performances (Nov. 3-6) **\$38**. Information about **Friday night pay-what-you-can rush tickets**, as well as discounts for seniors, students, groups and more at **gammtheatre.org/discounts**. Call **401-723-4266** or purchase at **gammtheatre.org/sweat**. Health and safety protocols at **gammtheatre.org**.

ABOUT SWEAT

Life is hard but reassuringly predictable for a tight-knit group of friends in blue-collar Reading, Pa. On the factory floor and in the local bar, bonds are forged, drinks are downed, and gossip flows. But when layoffs and picket lines chip away at their trust, friends find themselves pitted against each other in a primal fight for survival. From its slow-burn opening to its electrifying end, ***Nottage’s Pulitzer Prize-winning play confronts race, deindustrialization, and the ever-shrinking middle class with humor and heart.***

“A heartbreaking glimpse into the domino effect of what happens when life as you know it is pulled out from under you.” *Entertainment Weekly*

“A masterful depiction of the forces that divide and conquer us.” *Time Out, New York*

Season supporter: **Rhode Island State Council on the Arts**

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

Sweat by **Lynn Nottage**
Directed by **Rachel Walshe**
Jason.....**Conor Delaney**
Cynthia.....**Kym Gomes***
Oscar.....**Jaime José Hernandez**
Stan.....**Steve Kidd***
Evan.....**Jermaine L. Pearson**
Brucie.....**Jason Quinn**
Chris.....**Erik Robles**
Jessie.....**Kelly Seigh**
Tracey.....**Casey Seymour Kim***

CREW

Set Design & Production Management **Jessica Hill Kidd**

Costume Design **Liza Alexis**

Lighting Design **James Horban**

Sound Design **Hunter Spoede**

Dialect Coach **Candice Brown**

Dialect Coach **Normand Beauregard**

Stage Management **James Kane***

*Member of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NOV 2022				3 PREV 7:30	4 PREV 7:30	5 PREV 7:30
6 PREV 2 & 7:30	7	8 OPENING 7:30	9 7:30	10 7:30	11 7:30	12 7:30
13 2 & 7:30	14	15	16 7:30	17 7:30	18 7:30	19 7:30
20 2 & 7:30	21	22 7:30	23 7:30	24	25 7:30	26 2 & 7:30
27 2						

MASKED MATINEE! For the performance on **Saturday November 26 at 2pm only**, a mask covering your mouth and nose will be required for everyone in the building, and must be worn at all times except when actively eating or drinking concessions.

ABOUT THE GAMM THEATRE

Founded in 1984, the non-profit Gamm Theatre is proud to tell stories that entertain, provoke, and engage seriously with the most important issues of our time. The Gamm further serves the public with educational programming that enriches the cultural and civic life of our community. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Tony Estrella and Managing Director Amy Gravel, The Gamm is a regionally recognized, award-winning theater and a proud member of New England Area Theatre (NEAT), a bargaining unit of the Actors' Equity Association.