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### **LUCY KIRKWOOD'S *THE CHILDREN* CLOSES GAMM SEASON**

WARWICK, RI (March 29, 2023) – The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre (The Gamm) closes its 2022-23 season with ***The Children***, British playwright **Lucy Kirkwood's award-winning and Tony nominated play**. A riveting eco-drama infused with dark humor, ***The Children*** runs from **April 27 to May 14**.

**Veteran Gamm actor Steve Kidd makes his Gamm directorial debut** with Kirkwood's slow-burning play set in England and inspired by events surrounding the 2011 Fukushima nuclear accident in Japan. Small in scale, ***The Children*** raises big issues about **self-interest versus social responsibility** in a very real post-nuclear world.

The cast of Kirkwood's three-hander play includes **Candice Brown** (JQA/George Washington/Abigail Adams/Louisa Adams in *JQA*) and **Richard Donelly** (Saul Kimmer in *True West*, Serebryakov in *Uncle Vanya*) as long-married, retired nuclear physicists Hazel and Robin; and **Trinity Rep Resident Company Member Phyllis Kay** in **her first Gamm appearance** as Rose, the couple's former friend and colleague who shows up after a nearly 40-year absence.

The chemistry between the three scientists, who share both professional and personal history, promises to seduce and surprise audiences, Kidd said.

**"The real-time encounter with these characters gives us an often hilarious look at their flawed and contradictory responses to love, betrayal, global catastrophe, and the future of the human race,"** Kidd said. "Like so many of us, they fight and territorialize in order to make peace with their past and take responsibility for the future.

"Over 20 seasons at The Gamm, I've gained so much knowledge and experience from fellow artists and this organization as a whole," he added. "These three exceptional artists have all been teachers, mentors, and models in my professional and personal life. I feel so lucky and excited to have this opportunity to direct a play that speaks to our responsibility to those who come *after* us with a group of actors who came *before* me."

***The Children*** runs from **April 27-May 14** at **The Gamm Theatre, 1245 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, R.I.** Tickets: **\$55-\$65**; preview performances (April 27-30) just **\$38**. Information about Friday night **pay-what-you-wish rush tickets**, as well as discounts for seniors, students, groups and more at [gammtheatre.org/discounts](http://gammtheatre.org/discounts). Tickets: **401-723-4266** or [gammtheatre.org/children](http://gammtheatre.org/children)

**MASKED MATINEE:** A nose and mouth covering is required for patrons attending the performance on **Saturday, May 6 at 2pm only**.

#### **ABOUT *THE CHILDREN***

In a remote English cottage by the sea, retired scientists Hazel and Robin are determined to grow old together as the world crumbles around them. Practicing yoga, tending cows, and rationing electricity, the couple does its best to live "normally" in the wake of a nuclear disaster. But their already precarious existence is challenged when Rose, a friend and former colleague, shows up after 38 years with a life-altering request. Kirkwood's West End and Broadway hit raises big questions about culpability, and what we owe ourselves and younger generations.

**"Grips compulsively . . . leaves you an abundance of ideas on which to ruminate."** *Guardian*

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## **ABOUT THE PRODUCTION**

### ***The Children***

By **Lucy Kirkwood**

Directed by **Steve Kidd**

## **CAST**

Hazel.....**Candice Brown\***

Robin.....**Richard Donelly\***

Rose.....**Phyllis Kay\***

## **CREW**

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

Costume Design **David T. Howard**

Lighting Design **David Roy**

Sound Design **Peter Sasha Hurowitz**

Dialect Coach **Donnla Hughes**

Stage Manager **Robin Grady\***

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## **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 Gravell, 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.

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