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## **New Face Productions Presents *The Guys*, Starring TV and Broadway Famed Actors, Wendie Malick and Dan Lauria**

(Durango, CO) -- New Face Productions (NFP), a volunteer fundraising committee of the Durango Arts Center (DAC), is excited to announce a one-night only production of *The Guys*, starring TV and Broadway famed actors Wendie Malick and Dan Lauria at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College on Saturday, September 10 at 7pm. Tickets are \$35 General and \$20 for Students. Prior to the performance on Saturday, NFP will host a premier Backstage Reception on Friday, September 9 at 5:30pm at the Powerhouse Science Center to feature catering by Durangourmet, a limited auction of notable Durango experiences and live music by local eclectic musical favorite, Hello Dollface. Entry to the Backstage Reception is \$150 per person and include a ticket to the Saturday performance of *The Guys* at the Community Concert Hall. Tickets for both events are available for purchase online at [DurangoConcerts.TIX.com](http://DurangoConcerts.TIX.com), by phone at 970.247.7657, or inside The Welcome Center located at 802 Main Ave in downtown Durango.

This event is a fundraiser for the Durango Arts Center and local first responders: Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Flight for Life, Durango Fire Protection District, Durango Police Department, La Plata County Search & Rescue and the La Plata County Sheriff's Office.

NFP is excited to bring the heart rending production of *The Guys* to Durango in honor of the 15th anniversary of September 11th. The play revolves around two characters: a New York City Fire Department Captain, played by Lauria, who lost eight men in the collapse of the World Trade Center towers, and an editor, played by Malick, as a woman who helps him write the eulogies he must deliver at the memorial service. Malick & Lauria have performed *The Guys* numerous times together in theaters across the country, and are thrilled to be reunited in this production in honor of the first responders and in support of the community of Durango, CO.

"[*The Guys*] is truly a celebration of these firefighter's lives, rather than just mourning their losses," says Malick. "Our greatest goal here is to support the local first responders, as they are so crucially important to us now

more than ever, and this is an opportunity for Durango to support its local Arts Center. Art has such an important role to play in terms of keeping us all informed and inspired, and we think, through this play, we can help make some really good things happen.” View a 3-minute promotional video with Malick and Lauria at [DurangoArts.org/hollywood-in-the-rockies](http://DurangoArts.org/hollywood-in-the-rockies).

This production of *The Guys* is brought to Durango with the support of numerous individual donors and the following businesses: Alpine Bank, Animas Capital Management, Chinook Medical Gear, Coca-Cola of Durango-Farmington, Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool, Four Corners/OBGYN, Parady Financial Group, Inc., Spine Colorado and TRISTAR Risk Management. With in-kind support provided by the Leland House & Rochester Hotel, DurangoTV, Cabbage Creative and Photo Divine. For the complete list of sponsors, please visit [DurangoArts.org/hollywood-in-the-rockies](http://DurangoArts.org/hollywood-in-the-rockies).

Generous sponsorship will underwrite 12 tickets for local first responders to attend the Backstage Reception on September 9, and approximately 250 tickets to attend the performance of *The Guys* on September 10.

### **ABOUT THE GUYS**

*The Guys* debuted off-Broadway at The Flea Theater on December 4, 2001; exactly 12 weeks to the day of the World Trade Center attacks. It was directed by Jim Simpson and starred Sigourney Weaver and Bill Murray. The Flea Theater is a small but active company in Lower Manhattan whose existence was threatened by the September 11th disaster and its aftermath and, at the time, was seeking an artistic work to portray the calamity. *The Guys* was the playwrighting debut for Anne Nelson, a Columbia University Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of International and Public Affairs who developed the play upon sharing her concept with Artistic Director, Simpson (the female character, Joan, is an autobiographical version of Nelson). Since its debut in 2001, *The Guys* has been presented across the United States, and in the Czech Republic, Argentina, Japan, Italy and Poland and was made into a feature film in 2002, receiving the National Board of Review award for Excellence in Filmmaking.

### **ABOUT THE ACTORS**

**Wendie Malick** is probably best known for her role as Nina Van Horn on the NBC hit “Just Shoot Me” (2 time Emmy and Golden Globe nominee). She has also starred in HBO’s “Dream On” (4 Cable Ace Awards), “Frasier”, “Hot In Cleveland” (SAG nomination and People’s Choice Award). Her film work includes “The American President”, “Adventureland”, “The Emperor’s New Groove,” “Jerome” and “Fifty Nothing.” Theatre: BURLEIGH GRIMES, NORTH SHORE FISH (Off Broadway), world premieres at Williamstown Theatre, The Geffen, Woolly Mammoth, and The Coronet. She is currently appearing in the new CBS series “Rush Hour.”

**Dan Lauria** has appeared in more than 70 guest spots on episodic TV and in over 20 Movie of the Week productions. Although Dan has a few film credits as well, he is best known as the Dad on the Emmy winning TV show: “The Wonder Years.” However, Dan’s true passion is the theater, having been a part of over 60 Equity

productions throughout the country. For two holiday seasons Dan was the narrator in the Broadway production of: A Christmas Story, the musical and before that Dan was on Broadway as the legendary Packer coach, Vince Lombardi for the year long run of LOMBARDI with the charming, Judith Light, directed by Thomas Kail (Hamilton).

## **ABOUT NEW FACE PRODUCTIONS**

New Face Productions is a volunteer committee of community members dedicated to the promotion of creative arts & cultural events to generate funds for innovative adult programming at the Durango Arts Center.

Members include Christina Erteszek, Fritz Geisler, Petra Hinke, Regina Hogan, JM Jones, Tim Kapustka, Phyllis Max, Debra Parmenter, Carol Salomon, Jill Schuman, Becky Surmeier, Debbie Wright and Peggy Zemach.



## **ABOUT DAC**

The Durango Arts Center (DAC) is a multi-faceted hub for community arts that hosts and promotes contemporary visual and performing arts, arts education, dynamics exhibits, an active Docent program and the annual Durango Autumn Arts Festival. Over the years, DAC has built its reputation as a local arts industry leader and has been working diligently to ensure that the arts continue to thrive in the Four Corners region and beyond.

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TOP THEATRE DURANGO - HOLLYWOOD IN THE ROCKIES

# THE GUYS

BY ANNE NELSON

AN ORIGINAL PLAY ABOUT THE AFTEREFFECTS OF THE  
COLLAPSE OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER ON 9/11

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 • 7PM**

FLC COMMUNITY CONCERT HALL • 1000 RIM DR, DURANGO, CO

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT CONCERT HALL, [DURANGOCONCERTS.TIX.COM](http://DURANGOCONCERTS.TIX.COM) & DURANGO VISITORS CENTER

**\$35 ADULT • \$20 STUDENTS**

**BACKSTAGE RECEPTION**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 • 5:30pm

POWERHOUSE SCIENCE CENTER • 1333 CAMINO DEL RIO

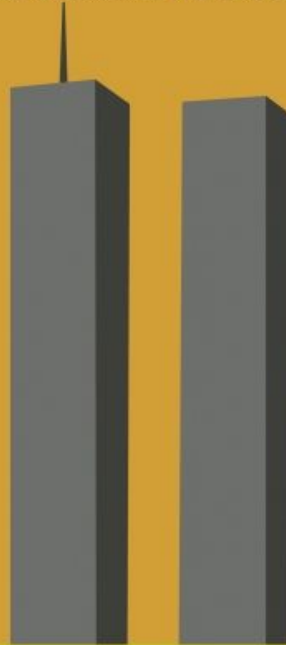
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WENDIE MALICK

DAN LAURIA



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