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'Making God Laugh' has Florida audiences rolling in the aisles

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Actors' Playhouse dishing up laughs for South Florida's Holiday Season.

Actors' Playhouse/ Photo by Brooke Noble

Making God Laugh at Actors' Playhouse

Rating:

Actors' Playhouse at the **Miracle Theatre** Florida premiere of the holiday comedy "*Making God Laugh*" is inspired by the **Woody Allen** joke, "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans"! As we are entertained over the course of thirty years' of various Holidays, we see the plans of each family member may not turn out as expected. The out come is infectious

laughter. **Sean Grennan's** "*Making God Laugh*" Florida's premiere at **Actors' Playhouse** is a **Theatre Chat** must see Comedy of the Holiday Season. Even the critics were laughing!

"*Making God Laugh*" is a Merry Holiday Comedy of the Season for the entire family. Starting with the "empty nest" parents "Bill" (**Peter Haig**) and "Ruthie" (**Angie Radosh**), they welcome their children home over various holidays, each ten years apart. From Thanksgiving 1980, with newly "launched" kids, a priest (**Michael Focas**), an aspiring actress (**Deborah L. Sherman**), and a former football player (**Gregg Weiner**), they all return home every ten years to wreak some Holiday havoc. The audience ease drops on their plans, dreams and a few turns in the road, as they embark on adult lives. You may even see a few members of your own family in the cast.

What is amazing besides the writing of this hit Comedy itself, is that we can all relate to sharing Holiday's with our families. But even more amazing is each one of these gifted talents **Angie Radosh, Peter Haig, Deborah L. Sherman, Michael Focas** and **Gregg Weiner** all bring on new, older characteristics each time they have aged, returning for a different Holiday. This Comedy of a somewhat dysfunctional family proves through audience laughter, that every family has a bit of dysfunction. Celebrating the Holidays with our families magnifies the dysfunction and sharing it on stage makes it all the merrier.

Yes, over the course of thirty years' worth of celebrations, including Christmas 1990, New Year's Eve 2000 and Easter in the present, the audiences follow the parents and grown children as they adapt to their new adult relationships. Don't think it is all fun and games. Not every moment is funny, tensions do flare up as unresolved issues, old family traditions and dubious recipes are trotted out in this rare play that manages to be absolutely genuine, deeply moving and unbelievably funny all at the same time.

"*Making God Laugh*" is wonderfully Directed and staged by **David Arisco**, the creative team for "*Making God Laugh*" includes **Gene Seyffer** (Scenic Design) who sets are always detailed, **Ellis Tillman** (Costume Design) cover the thirty year span, **Elmo Lanclos** (Sound Design) and **Luke Klingberg** (Lighting Design).

"We have assembled an all-star cast to create a dysfunctional American family that you will all recognize. In many ways, they will remind you of your own," said Director **David Arisco**. "That's what playwright **Sean Grennan** does best, we know these people well, and will laugh and cry along with them on their thirty year journey."

"*Making God Laugh*" is the hysterical, dysfunctional Holiday Comedy of the Season, don't miss out on some Holiday laughs! **Theatre Chat**. "*Making God Laugh*" opened with standing ovation on Friday, December 6, 2013. The hit Comedy plays now through December 29, 2013. Evening

performances will be held Wednesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m., with afternoon matinees on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. A special weekday matinee is scheduled on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 2 p.m. Tickets for weeknights and matinees are \$40, and on Friday and Saturday evenings \$48. The theatre offers a 10 percent senior discount rate the day of performance and \$15 student rush tickets 15 minutes prior to curtain with identification. Discounts are based on availability and exclude Saturday and Sunday. Group discounted rates are offered for 15 or more through our group sales department. Single tickets may be purchased through the box office at 305-444-9293 or online at www.actorsplayhouse.org.

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