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## THE AWARD-WINNING PLAY, BREAKFAST WITH MUGABE RETURNS ON THE HEELS OF ITS SUCCESSFUL NEW YORK CITY PREMIERE

"an imaginative and complex piece of theatre"

New York, NY – November 8, 2013....*Breakfast With Mugabe*, Fraser Grace's awardwinning drama, returns by popular demand, after its successful New York City premiere this past August at the Signature Center, for a 10 week run at The Lion Theatre on Theatre Row, commencing in January 2014.

During its recent run, the play received critical praise and was a New York Times Critic's Pick, hailed by the paper as "trenchant" and "magnificently acted."

Breakfast With Mugabe is inspired by news accounts that Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe's president, once sought treatment from a white psychiatrist. It was originally produced by the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford- Upon-Avon in 2005 and went on to win the highly

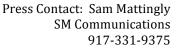


prestigious John Whiting Award in 2006.

With the recent re-election of Robert Mugabe for a seventh term amid claims of electoral fraud, the significance of *Breakfast With Mugabe* becomes more timely and relevant, with the man himself, as one critic points out, deserving of "a seat alongside Macbeth, Richard III and other tragic, power-siphoning Shakespearean antiheroes."

Playwright Fraser Grace illuminates the tension between modern ideas and ancient beliefs, and questions how a man who was once oppressed becomes an oppressor.

**Breakfast With Mugabe** is ultimately about a country in crisis, the complex nature of the mind, and the evil of absolute power. It is a powerful reminder of the





lasting impact of colonialism and dictatorships on the millions who still struggle under these oppressive conditions.

Directed by David Shookhoff, it stars Ezra Barnes (Andrew Peric), Michael Rogers (Robert Mugabe), Rosalyn Coleman (Grace Mugabe), and Che Ayende as the family's loyal bodyguard (Gabriel).

For full schedule of performance, time and date visit <a href="www.breakfastwithmugabe.com">www.breakfastwithmugabe.com</a>.

## Venue

The Lion Theatre Theatre Row 410 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street New York, NY 10036

## **Performance Schedule**

Breakfast With Mugabe Previews begin January 2nd Opens, Sunday, January 12th Closes, March 2nd

**Run Time:** 101 min. (no intermission)

Tickets are now on sale for this production and can be purchased through Telecharge at, <a href="https://www.telecharge.com">www.telecharge.com</a>

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Ticket price: \$89, \$64 and \$25

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