

Bear

By Rebecca Beegle

Directed by Joanna Garfinkel - UBC MFA Directing Candidate

Leap into the wildly inventive world of playwright Rebecca Beegle with her one-act play *Bear*. It's the lonely science of ventriloquism versus the creation of a bear proof suit in this love-and-death chronicle of how one married couple finally achieves their dreams, care of Pyramid Lake, Nevada. Directed by MFA directing candidate **Joanna Garfinkel** *Bear* stars **Andrea Blakey** (BFA), **Matt Kowalchuk** (BA), **Daniel Unruh** (BA) and **Joshua Reynolds** (professional actor and UBC BFA alumni)

"... there's a method to Beegle's madness." —The Austin Chronicle

Rebecca Beegle's work has been produced and developed with Rude Mechanicals and Austin Script Works, both of Austin, Texas. She was a 2005 finalist for the Heideman Award, Actors Theatre of Louisville. In 2004, her play "Don't Drown" was nominated for the David Mark Cohen New Play Award by the Austin Critics Table. Her writing has appeared in Fence, elima, the Austin Chronicle, and 5-Trope.

MFA Director Joanna Garfinkel most recently served as Assistant Director for KJ Sanchez' production of *House of Atreus* at UBC. In Austin, Texas' burgeoning creative scene, she helped to create last year's Bonfire Festival, directing three short world premieres. Prior to that, she directed *Don't Drown* for the Rude Mechanicals, which won two "Austin Critics' Table" awards, and *Honey* for FronteraFest, nominated for "Best of Fest". She directed Maria Irene Fornes' *Mud* for the iron belly muses, and was nominated for a B. Iden Payne award for her work on "Curieosity" for that company. She also served as Music Director for KOOP radio for 4 years, produced her own weekly radio show, and played in two bands. She is currently developing another play for UBC's Dorothy Somerset Studio; a new adaptation of Marivaux's *La Dispute*.

Dorothy Somerset Theatre

6131 University Blvd. (In Hut M18)

February 2, 3 and 4

Note Curtain: 7:30 Nightly

Tickets: \$5 available at the door

Wayfinding see "Hut M18": www.maps.ubc.ca

WARNING: Surprise bear attacks are terribly rare but not unheard of.

Recommended Parking and directions: West Parkade - 2140 Lower Mall, (access off NW Marine Dr.) From parkade proceed on foot North along Lower Mall and turn East at University Blvd. **From UBC Bus Loop:** Walk West along University Blvd.

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