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People Profile



Vincent Sessa is the playwright of Snowlion Rep's upcoming production, *A Child's Guide to Innocence*. He is the author of a large body of plays, various in subject and manner. Many are comedies. All his plays have in common a lyricism of language and illuminating imagery, and they evoke the human condition through incisive portrayals of men and women in personal, often political, struggle. One early production was presented by Third Step Theatre Company in New York City (headed by none other than Al D'Andrea and Margit Ahlin, now at the helm of Snowlion Rep). The play: *Moral & Political Lessons On "Wyoming."* More recently, New Jersey Repertory in Long Branch produced *The Girl With The High Rouge*. Vincent is an alumni member of Manhattan Class Company's Playwrights' Coalition and a member of the Dramatists Guild. He lives in New York City and is currently at work on his 25th play, *The Keenings*. Snowlion Rep is honored and delighted to be presenting Vincent's sublime and timely drama, *A Child's Guide to Innocence*.

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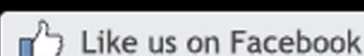
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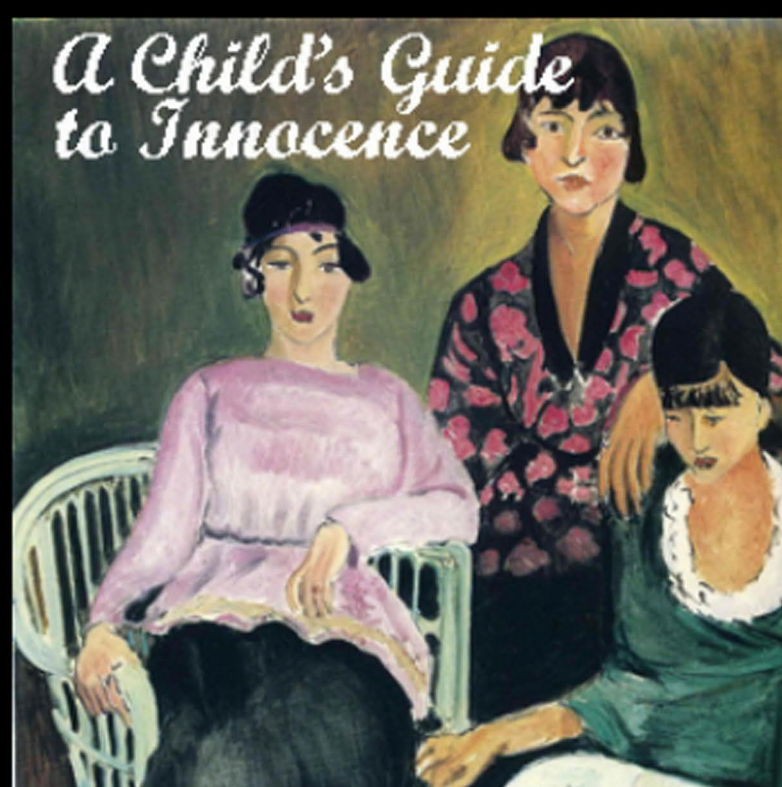
We are thrilled to announce our next production, slated to open March 15...the New England premiere of Vincent Sessa's *A Child's Guide to Innocence*. After 3 productions of musicals, Snowlion Rep wanted something extra special for its first dramatic offering, and this lovely lyrical play is extraordinarily special. We also wanted the perfect performing space, and we have found that in the gorgeous renovated church that is the Ludcke Auditorium at UNE. And because our work with playwright Vincent Sessa has deep roots and goes all the way back to our New York theater company, we are especially proud to demonstrate that great work, like a great friend, is never forgotten, and only waits for the right time, place, and circumstance to come back into the limelight. It's great to be working with you again, Vincent, on this wonderful play!

Sincerely,

Al D'Andrea, Artistic Director
Margit Ahlin, Producing Director
Snowlion Repertory Company



A Child's Guide to Innocence makes its New England debut! **Opening March 15**



Snowlion Rep is thrilled to announce its next production will be the New England premiere of the play *A Child's Guide to Innocence* by New York playwright Vincent Sessa.

A Child's Guide to Innocence poignantly explores one of the most important issues we face today: how does one find joy and happiness in a violent, cruel and seemingly evil world? In three scenes, a trio of actresses play three generations from an Italian-American family in New York struggling with the events of their lives, events that will reverberate through the ages. We meet three sisters in tension-filled 1944, a mother and her daughters in chaotic 1975, and a mother and her granddaughters in disorienting 1995. Through the lyricism and imagery of the play, we examine whether it is possible for innocence to survive and indeed flourish. The New York Times called this timely, provocative play "as delicate and nuanced a drama as you'll find, its three actresses telling a sublime intergenerational tale beautifully... It's a lovely portrait of how ordinary lives can be defined by a few pivotal moments, of how the world's great events can have a profound impact at a very small, personal level."

Directed by Al D'Andrea, *A Child's Guide to Innocence* features strong, moving performances by local actresses Laura Houck, Elizabeth Lardie, and Kathryn Perry. It will be performed at the Ludcke Auditorium, a lovely performance space on the Portland campus of the University of New England, at 716 Stevens Avenue, Portland. The show opens Friday March 15 at 8:00 p.m. and plays for 2 weekends only:

Friday March 15 at 8 p.m., Sat Mar 16 at 8 p.m., Sun Mar 17 at 2 p.m.
Friday March 22 at 8 p.m., Sat Mar 23 at 8 p.m., Sun Mar 24 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and \$18 (student/senior). For tickets or more information visit www.snowlionrep.org or call (207) 518-9305.

Don't miss this relevant and touching play...in these times we live in, we could all use a reminder of what is good and innocent in the world.

UNE Portland's Ludcke Auditorium a stunning venue for *A Child's Guide to Innocence*



You've probably driven by it a thousand times on Stevens Avenue. It sits front and center on the campus of University of New England, a venerable old church that just happens to house a gorgeous open performing space inside. Stained glass windows adorn the sides (easily covered for matinee performances) and the ceiling soars 30 feet overhead. A simple, elegant stage sits at one end, the perfect size for an intimate play like *A Child's Guide to Innocence*. The Ludcke is a warm and inviting space to experience the magic of live theater - and there is lots and lots of magic in the bag! Be sure to come check out this lovely hidden gem right in the heart of Portland!

A Child's Guide to Innocence opens March 15!

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