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Boston Theater Marathon expands to weekend-long event

Boston Theater Marathon XI *Plus the Warm-Up Laps*

May 16 – 17, 2009

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Boston Playwrights' Theatre and the Boston Center for the Arts team with local theatre companies in Marathon expansion

BOSTON, MA – After ten years, the Boston Theater Marathon will expand to a two-day, weekend-long event. The expansion is part of a multi-year plan to develop the Boston Theater Marathon to include multiple venues, hundreds of performers and thousands of cultural tourists and Boston theatre patrons – not unlike Edinburgh's famed festival.

The Warm-Up Laps – May 16, 2009

The expansion of the Boston Theater Marathon will include three staged readings of new plays, including Pulitzer Award nominee Theresa Rebeck's *The Novelist*, directed by the Huntington Theatre Company's Artistic Director Peter DuBois. The readings will be at 11am, 3pm and 7pm at the Calderwood Pavilion's Deane Rehearsal Hall at the Boston Center for the Arts.

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Now in its eleventh year, the Boston Theater Marathon will feature fifty ten-minute plays by fifty New England playwrights performed by fifty New England theatres from 12 noon to 10pm at the Virginia Wimberly Theatre at the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts on Sunday, May 17.

"The Boston Theater Marathon brings together the entire theatre community of Boston," explains Marathon co-founder Kate Snodgrass. "With our friends at the Boston Center for the Arts, we hope in the coming years to bring the entire city of Boston together in the similar spirit of Edinburgh's festival."

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**Deane Rehearsal Hall at the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 2nd Floor
527 Tremont Street, Boston**

Free and open to the public – limited to 100 seats

The Publick Theatre presents

Jacob and the Stranger

by Alan Brody

Directed by Diego Arciniegas

Reading begins at 11am

Company One presents

Annie Desmond Gets a Tattoo

by Kirsten Greenidge

Directed by Shawn LaCount

Reading begins at 3pm

The Huntington Theatre Company presents

The Novelist

by Theresa Rebeck

Directed by Peter DuBois

Reading begins at 7pm

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**Virginia Wimberly Theatre at the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts
527 Tremont Street, Boston**

TICKETS (on sale soon): \$25 in advance / \$30 at the door. To purchase tickets please visit www.bostontheatrescene.com or call 617-933-8600.

Plays, playwrights and producing theatre companies to be announced soon. For more information please visit www.bostonplaywrights.org or call 617-353-5443.