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Sex, Lies and Cell Phones at the Hippodrome Theatre

(Gainesville, FL) - The Hippodrome presents "Dead Man's Cell Phone" by Sarah Ruhl, on stage January 6-31.

Ever wonder what someone would find if they total access to your cell phone? The deleted messages, voicemails, and contact lists all create a living, real-time history of your life, easily retrievable and revealed for public consumption. Messages live on in digital form even after we think they have been deleted. (Hello, Tiger Woods).

In the new play "Dead Man's Cell Phone" a young woman impulsively answers a stranger's cell phone and is thrust into his deeply mysterious life. She travels halfway around the globe - and even to hell and back - meeting his beautiful mistress and his cosmo drinking wife, unraveling dark secrets, and even finding love with the most unexpected man.

It's equal parts "Sex and the City" and "The Twilight Zone."

The Miami Herald says, "Must-see art for anyone who craves both style and substance. Give yourself over to it, and it's a helluva ride."

Under the direction of Hippodrome Artistic Director Lauren Caldwell, Sarah Ruhl's "Dead Man's Cell Phone" is like viewing a living, breathing art installation. The set captures an ultimate modern world. Emmy-award winning costume designer Marilyn Wall peppers this monochromatic world with original costume designs that will take your breath away. And prepare yourself for Risa Baxter's sound design, which layers in familiar and also unexpected music, beats and sounds.

Director Lauren Caldwell asks the question: What do you get when you mix the isolation of technology with a little sliver of the Coen brothers? The answer: A head-tilting, humorous and off-beat look at ourselves and others.

Ring in the new year at Dead Man's Cell Phone, a new comedy by playwright Sarah Ruhl, a MacArthur "Genius" Grant winner and Pulitzer Prize finalist.

Dead Man's Cell Phone

by Sarah Ruhl

directed by Lauren Caldwell

Discount previews Wednesday, January 6 & Thursday, January 7

Opening Night Gala (Catered by 101 Downtown) Friday, January 8

On stage January 8-31

8 Shows a Week: Tue at 8pm, Wed at 7pm, Thur at 8pm, Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5pm & 8:30pm, Sun at 2pm & 7:30pm

Tickets \$12 students, \$20 seniors, \$25-\$30 adults