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“HARVEST” by David Wright Crawford PREMIERES Off Broadway at The Beckett Theatre (Theatre Row) Previews Begin November 30 - Opening Tuesday, December 4, 2007 Cast Announced

The Alchemy Theatre Company of Manhattan, Inc presents “*Harvest*” by David Wright Crawford, Off Broadway at The Beckett (Theatre Row), 410 West 42nd Street, NYC. Judson Jones & Benard Cummings will direct the new play. Previews begin on November 30 and the opening will be Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 8:00 pm. **The cast includes Morgan Baker, Kathleen Huber, Judson Jones, Christa Kimlicko Jones, Richard Mawe, Doug Sheppard, Kymberlie Stansell, Jeremy Stuart, and Shorey Walker.** The Set Design is Terry Gipson/ Gipson Design; Costumes by Ben Taylor Ridgeway; Lighting Design by Jessica M. Burgess; Sound Design & original music by Scott O'Brien; Casting Director is Laura Maxwell-Scott, C.S.A; and the technical director is Amber Estes.

“*Harvest*” is a tender and poignant story about a west Texas cotton farmer. Spanning 45 years (late 1960’s; early 80’s and present), the farmer battles to keep his farm and his family while struggling against inevitable change. In the spirit of Anton Chekhov, with the surroundings of Horton Foote, this timely account of what could be the last generation of an American family farm. An inspirational, epic tale that asks the question, “How would you choose to live your life” and “At the end of your life...where do you want to die?”

Judson Jones (Co-Director) is an Associate Artist of Alchemy Theatre Company along with being a Founding Member and Co-Producing Artistic Director of the dirigo group, and a member of other theatre companies. While working regionally he appeared in over twenty productions. Some of Judson’s directing credits include: “*bash*” with the dirigo group (Critics Table Nomination), “*S-Man with Scriptworks*”, and “*The Elf and Gift for Salvage Vanguard*”. As a producer he has had the privilege of working alongside some inspiring collaborators. **Benard Cummings (Co-Director)** performed with The Shakespeare Theatre in “*Pericles*”, “*The Tempest*” and “*A Midsummer Night’s Dream*”. Other regional theatres credits include roles at Hartford Stage; the Goodman Theatre; Actor’s Theatre of Louisville; Hangar Theatre; Arena Stage and at The Shakespeare Theatre of D.C. In New York he as appeared at the Signature Theatre Company and others. His plays have been produced in Los Angeles, Chicago, Actor’s Theatre of Louisville, St. Louis, New York City and London.

Robert Saxner is the Producing Artistic Director of The Alchemy Theatre Company of Manhattan, Inc. His directorial work has included Christopher Durang’s *The Vietnamization of New Jersey* (Off-Broadway/New York Premiere), Zayd Dohrn’s *Haymarket* (New York Premiere), David Mamet’s *Speed-the-Plow*, Larry Kramer’s *The Normal Heart*, and Ned Campbell’s *Ollie Utz is Free* for Alchemy; Zayd Dohrn’s *Shameless* (Premiere) for Red Friday Productions in Boston; Martin Jones’ *Old Soldiers* at Theatre Cooperative; Henry Kimmel’s *Tainted Window* and Paul Mohrbacher’s *Samarkand* (Premieres) for the Atlantis Playmaker’s Festival; John Patrick Shanley’s *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea*, James Christy’s *Creep*, and Jean Genet’s *The Maids* at the Actor’s Workshop in Boston; Samuel Beckett’s *Catastrophe*, *Play*, and *Act Without Words I & II* at the Moscow Art Theatre School; Heiner Muller’s *Hamletmachine*, Elizabeth Egloff’s *The Swan*, and Caryl Churchill’s *Cloud 9* at American Repertory Theatre’s Institute for Advanced Theatre Training at Harvard University. He served as assistant director (while also playing the role of Gavrila) for Yuri Yeremin’s production of Chekhov’s *Ivanov*, starring Debra Winger and Arliss Howard, and for the world premiere of Adam Rapp’s *Nocturne*, directed by Marcus Stern, at American Repertory Theatre. Mr. Saxner’s producing credits include *Harvest*, *Vietnamization of New Jersey*, *Speed-the-Plow*, *The Normal Heart*, and *Haymarket*. He has taught at Actor’s Workshop in Boston. Member of SSSDC. MFA from Moscow Art Theatre School.

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Performances of the limited engagement through 12/23 are: Tuesday – Saturday at 8:00 pm; Sunday at 2:00 pm. There are a special performances Saturday 12/1 at 2:00 pm & Sunday 12/2 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$40; students/seniors \$15 and available through Ticket Central: (212) 279-4200 or www.ticketcentral.com