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Opening Nights: Sunday, April 14 @ 7pm
Monday, April 15 @ 7pm
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Remy Bumppo Presents
Creditors
Strindberg does comedy with a vengeance

Before The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo or The Laughing Policeman, before Ingmar Bergman or Henning Mankell, before even the phrase “Swedish noir,” came Creditors, a sexy, twisting tale of psychological manipulation and revenge.

August Strindberg told his publisher that Creditors was “humorous, loveable, all of its characters sympathetic.” That may say more about Strindberg than Creditors. The play does indeed have its comic moments, but it is a humor as dark as midwinter Sweden.

"Although Creditors isn't as well known as Miss Julie, Strindberg thought the two plays were his stage masterpieces,” says director Sandy Shinner. "The new adaptation by David Greig brings out the humor in Creditors, not a quality usually associated with Strindberg's work.”

Greig's adaptation was a huge hit recently with critics and audiences in London and New York, where the New York Times called it a “thrilling new interpretation.” Remy Bumppo will be presenting its Midwest premiere.

Creditors will be performed April 10 through June 2 in the intimate upstairs studio space of the Greenhouse Theater Center, which will virtually put the audience in the set. Shinner, renowned for her work while the long-time Associate Artistic Director at Victory Gardens, says the studio is a choice Strindberg himself would have made; that in developing his theory of “modern psychological drama” Strindberg wanted “first and foremost, a small stage and a small auditorium.”
In the case of *Creditors*, Shinner says, "The audience will feel like eavesdroppers."

*Creditors* is set in a Swedish island resort, in the rooms of an established writer (Remy Bumppo Artistic Associate Linda Gillum) and her new young artist husband (Teatro Vista ensemble member Gabriel Ruiz, *Boss's* Dilip Singh). The plot begins to twist and turn with the arrival of an older second man (Chicago veteran Mark L. Montgomery, last with Remy Bumppo in *Some Americans Abroad* in 2004), who proceeds to deviously toy with the minds of the couple, digging into the depths of their psyches.

Amy M. Bertacini is Stage Manager for *Creditors*. The set is by Jeffrey W. Bauer, costumes by Jeremy Floyd, lights by Charles Cooper, sound design and composition by Christopher Kriz, and props by Julie Allen.

*Creditors* is partially underwritten by the Jane Ellen Murray Foundation. Remy Bumppo 2012/2013 Season Sponsors are Terri Abruzzo Callahan and Dave Callahan, and Brenda and James Grusecki.

**Special Events:**
All at the Greenhouse Theater center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago

**Sunday, April 14, and Monday, April 15, 7:00pm - Creditors Opening Nights**

Saturday, April 27, 1:30pm: *Between the Lines* pre-show conversation with North Park University Professor of Communication Arts Chad Eric Bergman, an expert on Nordic theatre
Saturday, May 11, 1:30pm: second *Between the Lines* discussion, speaker TBA

**Listing Information**

*Creditors*
By August Strindberg, a new adaptation by David Greig
Directed by Sandy Shinner
April 10 - June 2, 2013
Greenhouse Theater Center, Upstairs Studio
2257 N. Lincoln Ave.
Chicago, IL 60614

**Performance Times:**

*Opening Nights*: Sunday, April 14 and Monday April 15 at 7:00pm
*Previews and regular run*: Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30pm, Sundays at 2:30pm
*Matinee performances* (other than Sundays): 2:30pm Thursdays April 18, May 2 and May 16, Saturdays April 27 and May 11 (both *Between the Lines*)

**Cast:**
Artistic Associate Linda Gillum, Mark L. Montgomery and Gabriel Ruiz.

**Production team:**
*Creditors* is directed by Sandy Shinner, with scenic design by Jeffrey W. Bauer, costumes by Jeremy Floyd, sound and composing by Christopher Kriz, lighting by Charles Cooper, and properties by Julie Allen. Amy M. Bertacini is Stage Manager.

**Tickets:**
Greenhouse Box Office, 773-404-7336 (open at noon Wed.-Sun.)
Or online at www.remybumppo.org

Previews: $27.50-$32.50
Regular run: Wed-Fri $27.50-$37.50, Sat-Sun $32.50-$42.50
Between the Lines: $47.50
Student tickets: $15 all performances except Opening Nights and Between the Lines
Group discounts available for parties of 10 or more, call 773-244-8119 x 302

Parking:

The former Children's Memorial Hospital garage, 1/2 block north of the theater on Lincoln Avenue is making 100 parking spaces available free to the public for up to five hours, on a first-come, first-served basis. The offer is subject to change at any time.

For further information about Creditors, Remy Bumppo and related matters, visit www.remybumppo.org or call 773-244-8119.

Cast

Mark L. Montgomery

Gabriel Ruiz

Linda Gillum