



**DELTA BURKE, LESLIE JORDAN & DALE DICKEY
GO ON TOUR WITH DEL SHORES' AWARD-WINNING PLAYS:
SORDID LIVES & SOUTHERN BAPTIST SISSIES!**

DEL SHORES' THE OFFICIAL TOUR!

Scheduled Cities Include San Diego, Dallas, Palm Springs, St. Louis, Nashville & Ft. Lauderdale!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOS ANGELES, CA – On the heels of selling his new television series *Sordid Lives* to LOGO, Writer/Director/Producer Del Shores (*Queer as Folk*, *Dharma & Greg*) will take to the road with Delta Burke (*Designing Woman*), Leslie Jordan (*Will & Grace*), and Dale Dickey (*My Name is Earl*), along with the entire casts from both Los Angeles productions. The multi-city tour will showcase Shores' critically acclaimed plays *Sordid Lives* and *Southern Baptist Sissies*. Delta Burke made her Los Angeles stage debut in ...*Sissies*, and now the show will mark her tour debut as well. In addition, she will celebrate her 50th Birthday with fans in each city! Leslie Jordan, 2006 Emmy Winner for his work on *Will & Grace*, and Dale Dickey, who can currently be seen on the hit NBC series *My Name is Earl* as "Patty" the daytime hooker, will perform in both shows!

In January 2006, a Season of Shores was launched to revive all six of his award-winning plays at Los Angeles' historic Zephyr Theatre. To-date, three of his plays have been produced, including the GLAAD Award-winner *Southern Baptist Sissies*, the NAACP winner *The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife*, and the cult phenomenon *Sordid Lives*. More than 14,000 people from all around the globe have come to see the plays, making a Season of Shores some of the hottest tickets in town. The season will now go on hold while Shores and his team head across the country with the tour, as well as work on the new television series.

The play *Sordid Lives* is a black comedy about white trash! In the "coming out" story, three generations of a small Texas family prepare for a funeral, and that's when the hilarious, sad, trashy truth about their lives runs amuck! Cast members include Leslie Jordan* (*Will & Grace*, *Boston Legal*), Dale Dickey* (*Domino*, *My Name is Earl*), Patrika Darbo (*Days of Our Lives*), singer Debby Holiday, singer Sean Wiggins, Mary-Margaret Lewis* (*Kalamazoo*, *Friends*), Ann Walker* (*Las Vegas*, *Sex, Love & Secrets*), Mitch Carter* (*Children of the Corn*), Newell Alexander* (HBO's *Big Love*), Sarah Hunley* (*Ghosts of Mississippi*, *The Ghost Whisperer*), David Cowgill and Rosemary Alexander* (*Madhouse*) and introducing Jason Dottley. (*also starred in the film version of *Sordid Lives*)

The play *Southern Baptist Sissies* is an exploration into the lives of four gay men raised in the church. Through laughter and tears, each story unfolds to reveal a struggle for self-discovery. Cast members include Delta Burke (*Designing Women*), Leslie Jordan (*Will & Grace*, *Boston Legal*), Dale Dickey (*Domino*, *My Name is Earl*), Newell Alexander (HBO's *Big Love*), Ted Detwiler (*The Ring Two*), Joe Patrick Ward, Anthony Cherry (*Blast Off!*), Emerson Collins (*The Secret Garden*), Rich Delia (*Strong Medicine*), T. Ashanti Mozelle (*Angels in America: Perestroika*), and David Ojalvo (*Down Hearted Blues*).

Shores' plays are some of the most honored productions in Los Angeles Theater history, with over 75 awards, from the LADCC, Ovation, Backstage West Garland Awards, LA Weekly Theatre Awards, NAACP and GLAAD. This year, the LA Weekly Theatre Awards honored Del Shores with their Career Achievement Award.

The tour is produced by Del Shores and Jason Dottley (*Season of Shores*, *Sordid Lives*, *Southern Baptist Sissies*, *The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife*) and Friley Davidson and Tom Malin.

Tour dates include:

San Diego: (tickets available at: www.theofficialtour.com – Ticketmaster & the theatre box office)

North Park Theatre - August 24, 25 @ 8PM – *Southern Baptist Sissies*

North Park Theatre - August 26 @ 3PM & 8PM *Sordid Lives*

Dallas: (tickets available at: 214-373-8000 or www.theofficialtour.com – Ticketmaster & the theatre box office)

Majestic Theatre - September 16 @ 3PM & 8PM – *Southern Baptist Sissies*

Majestic Theatre - September 17 @ 3PM & 8PM *Sordid Lives*

Palm Springs: (tickets available at: www.theofficialtour.com – Ticketmaster & the theatre box office)

Annenberg Theatre – October 6 @ 7PM – *Sordid Lives: It's A Drag* (all characters in Drag, starring Del Shores!)

Annenberg Theatre – October 8 @ 7PM – *Sordid Lives*

Annenberg Theatre – October 10, 11 @ 7PM – *Southern Baptist Sissies*

St. Louis: (tickets available at: www.theofficialtour.com – Ticketmaster & the theatre box office)

Orpheum Theatre – October 27 @ 8PM – *Southern Baptist Sissies*

Orpheum Theatre – October 29 @ 3PM – *Sordid Lives*

Nashville: (tickets available at: www.theofficialtour.com – Ticketmaster & the theatre box office)

Polk Theatre – November 10 @ 8PM – *Southern Baptist Sissies*

Polk Theatre – November 11 @ 3PM – *Southern Baptist Sissies*

Polk Theatre – November 12 @ 3PM & 8PM – *Sordid Lives*

Ft. Lauderdale: (tickets available at: www.theofficialtour.com – Ticketmaster & the theatre box office)

Parker Playhouse at Broward Center – November 17 8PM – *Southern Baptist Sissies*

Parker Playhouse – November 18 3PM *Southern Baptist Sissies* & 8PM *Sordid Lives*

Parker Playhouse – November 19 @ 3PM – *Sordid Lives*

Parker Playhouse – November 19 @ 8PM – *Sordid Lives* *** JUST ADDED***

Additional cities are expected, with all shows performed in larger venues ranging from 700 - 2,000 seats.

VIP TICKETS:

A limited number of VIP tickets for each performance are available online at: www.theofficialtour.com. VIP tickets include a meet-and-greet with the cast.

For tickets and a complete schedule, please log online at: www.theofficialtour.com.

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