

SORDID LIVES GOES DRAG!

WHAT WAS ONCE A GAME BACKSTAGE IS NOW GOING ON-STAGE!
SPECIAL PERFORMANCE - MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006 AT 8:00 PM!!

LOS ANGELES, CA, March 1, 2006 – Writer/Director/Producer and actor Del Shores (*Queer as Folk*, *Sordid Lives*, *Dharma & Greg*) and his talented cast and crew are all ready to show a new side of themselves! All of the roles in the hit comedy *Sordid Lives* are going to get a little funnier as the actors do a little gender bending! This special performance will be held on Monday, March 13, 2006 at 8:00 PM.

The new cast of Sordid Lives:

Newell Alexander as Bitsy Mae

Scott Presley as Sissy

Craig Taggart as LaVonda

Mary-Margaret Lewis as Wardell

Patrika Darbo as Odell/Preacher

T. Ashanti Mozelle as Dr. Eve/Peggy

Sarah Hunley as Ty

Chris Pudlo as Noletta

Del Shores as Latrelle

Rosemary Alexander as G.W.

Joe Pat Ward as Juanita

Susan Leslie as Brother Boy

"This has been a fun game for the casts of all of my shows – to play each others roles back stage," remarked Shores. He also alluded to more performances, saying "Possibly, if my arches don't fall and my skin doesn't break out!"

"I always knew the family had a little black in them – now we'll let Peggy's true self shine through!," remarked T. Ashanti Mozelle.

Rosemary Alexander said "I've always had a shoe fetish, so the thought of wearing wooden legs is just irresistible! I was willing to do anything to get the role of 'G.W.' fortunately all I had to do was audition!"

"We've been doing it for so long, we know all the lines... *all* the lines," said Mary-Margaret Lewis.

"We'd heard of a group in New Orleans doing the show with a drag queen playing Juanita so it's only fitting that we up the anti!," said Newell Alexander.

Sordid Lives is a part of a Season of Shores – a revival of all six of Del Shores' hit plays, including the GLAAD Award-winning *Southern Baptist Sissies*, his first play in 1984 - *Cheatin'*, the 1987 hit *Daddy's Dyin... Who's Got the Will?*, the 1993 favorite *Daughters of the Lone Star State*, and 2003's NAACP winner *The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife*.

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! The regular performance cast members include Debi Derrberry (voice of Jimmy Neutron), singer Debby Holiday, Margot Rose (*Hollow Man*), singer Shayna, singer Sean Wiggins, Jason Dottley, Dale Dickey*, Patrika Darbo (*Days of Our Lives, In the Line of Fire*), Mary-Margaret Lewis* (*Kalamazoo, Friends*), Ann Walker* (*Las Vegas, Sex, Love & Secrets*), Mitch Carter* (*Tom and Huck, Children of the Corn*), Newell Alexander* and Terry Brannon (*Mash, Dallas*), Earl Bullock* (*Mr. & Mrs. Smith, ER*), Sarah Hunley* (*Ghosts of Mississippi, Marie*), Rosemary Alexander*, Susan Leslie (*Strong Medicine, The Larry Sanders Show*), Scott Presley, and special guest artist, Beth Grant* (*Donnie Darko, Our Very Own*). (*also starred in the film version of *Sordid Lives*)

Beth Grant will make a special guest appearance to reprise the role she made famous – "Sissy Hickey" in the following regular productions of *Sordid Lives* – Friday, March 17 (8PM), Saturday, March 18 (3PM), Sunday, March 19 (7PM), and Tuesday, March 21 (8PM).

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. At the upcoming LA Weekly Theatre Awards (April 2006) Del Shores will be honored with their Career Achievement Award.

A Season of Shores is produced by Del Shores and Jason Dottley (*The Best of Del for Sharyn, An Intimate Evening with Debby Holiday*).

Sordid Lives plays in repertory with *Southern Baptist Sissies* Tuesday-Sunday with weekend matinees. For tickets and a complete schedule, please log online at: www.seasonofshores.com or call 1-800-595-4TIX (4849).

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