



10TH ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTION OF
SORDID LIVES
 EXTENDED BEFORE OPENING – FEBRUARY 3!

Southern Baptist Sissies (opened January 13) is also Extending its Run –
 Both Plays Have Pre-Sold Over 4,000 tickets!!

LOS ANGELES, CA, January 19, 2005 – Writer/Director/Producer Del Shores (*Queer as Folk*, *Sordid Lives*, *Dharma & Greg*) has created another independent theatre first, launching his Season of Shores to sold-out crowds weeks before opening. Both ***Southern Baptist Sissies*** and ***Sordid Lives*** have already sold more than 70% of their initial runs (in an 88 seat house), with more than 4,000 tickets pre-sold. ***Southern Baptist Sissies*** opened on January 13 (previews began January 6th), and ***Sordid Lives*** will premiere on February 3 (previews begin January 27th). Both shows have added an additional four weeks to their runs, with ***Southern Baptist Sissies*** now set to close April 2, and ***Sordid Lives*** closing April 23.

A Season of Shores is a revival of all six Del Shores plays, including the GLAAD Award-winning ***Southern Baptist Sissies***, the 10th Anniversary production of ***Sordid Lives***, his 1984 play ***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***.

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. Returning cast members include Ted Detwiler (*Must Love Dogs*, *The Ring Two*), Leslie Jordan (*Will & Grace*, *Boston Legal*), Newell Alexander (*For Heaven's Sake*, *Big Love*), Rosemary Alexander (*The Trip*, *Madhouse*), Scott Presley (*America's Next Top Model*, *Legendary Bingo*), Joe Patrick Ward, and Dale Dickey (*My Name is Earl*, *Domino*). New cast members include Gary Ballard (*Murder in the First*, *Defending Your Life*), Anthony Cherry (*Blast Off!*, Prince's *The Beautiful Experience*), Emerson Collins (*The Secret Garden*), Rich Delia (*All My Children*, *Strong Medicine*), Dave Kirkpatrick (*A Tale of Passion*, *The Last Sunday in June*), T. Ashanti Mozelle (*Angels in America: Perestroika*), David Ojalvo (*Eat Me*, *Down Hearted Blues*), and Chris Pudlo (plays - *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Cheaper by the Dozen*).

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 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*), Leslie Jordan*,

Scott Presley, and special guest artist, Beth Grant* (*Donnie Darko, Our Very Own*). (*also starred in the film version of *Sordid Lives*)

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*).

Both plays run in repertory 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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