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"A feat of breathtaking audacity" – *L.A. Times*

"...masterful performances—particularly [Beth] Grant's bravura depiction of Willadean's heart-wrenching meltdown and Phoenix-like rise..." – *Back Stage West*

"Awe-inspiring. Del Shores infuses the work with such hilarity the audience is often reduced to laughter and tears within the same breath." – *Daily Variety*

BETH GRANT RETURNS TO STAR IN: ***THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF A TRAILER TRASH HOUSEWIFE*** THE 3rd DEL SHORES PLAY TO BE REVIVED FOR A *SEASON OF SHORES!*

... *Trailer Trash* Officially Opens May 6, 2006 & Also Stars
Dale Dickey, Octavia Spencer, David Steen & Debby Holiday!

***Southern Baptist Sissies* Extended Again!! Now Through April 22, 2006!**

LOS ANGELES, CA, February 28, 2006 – Writer/Director/Producer Del Shores' (*Queer as Folk*, *Sordid Lives*) successful revival of all six hit plays under a *Season of Shores* is about to shake up L.A. Theatre again, adding *The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife* – starring Beth Grant. The play will open May 6th (previews begin April 29, 2006)! *Southern Baptist Sissies* has also been extended again, and is now set to close April 22, 2006. *Sordid Lives* is scheduled to close April 23, 2006.

The entire original cast from *The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife*, including Beth Grant (*Donnie Darko*, *Sordid Lives*, *Little Miss Sunshine*), Dale Dickey (*Domino*, *My Name is Earl*), soulful rocker turned dance diva Debby Holiday (*Dive*, *Half A Mile Away*), Octavia Spencer (*Beauty Shop*, *Coach Carter*, *Wannabe*), and David Steen (*A Gift From Heaven*, *Avenue A*), is returning for the limited six week engagement.

The play explores the hidden emotions, shame, and secrecy battered women face, while also offering hope, healing, and truth. A delicate blend of frightened humor and pain, it delves right into the heart of abuse. In just a mere two hours audiences will journey into a world that could fill a lifetime. Explosive one-sided arguments erupt and build, until one disastrous night it all goes too far and the lives of those in the trailer park will never be the same.

In 2003, *The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife* was the winner of more than 14 Los Angeles Theatre Awards, including Best Production, Best Lead Performance – Beth Grant, and Best World Premiere from the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle; Best Lead Actress – Beth Grant from the Ovation Awards; Best Production and Best Playwright from the NAACP Theatre Awards; Best Production, Best Playwright, Best Direction, Best Lead Performance – Beth Grant, and Best Supporting Performance – Dale Dickey, from the Back Stage West Garland Awards; and Best Playwright, Best Supporting Actor – David Steen, Best Ensemble – Beth Grant, Dale Dickey, Debby Holiday, Octavia Spencer, David Steen, from the L.A. Weekly Awards.

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. Cast members include Ted Detwiler (*Must Love Dogs*), Newell Alexander (*Big Love*), Rosemary Alexander (*Madhouse*), Scott Presley (*America's Next Top Model*), Joe Patrick Ward (*Judy's Scary Little Christmas*), and Dale Dickey (*My Name is Earl*), Gary Ballard (*Murder in the First*), Anthony Cherry (*Blast Off*), Emerson Collins (*The Secret Garden*), Rich Delia (*Emily's Reasons Why Not*), Dave Kirkpatrick (*A Tale of Passion*), T. Ashanti Mozelle (*Angels in America: Perestroika*), David Ojalvo (*Eat Me*), and Chris Pudlo (*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 (*Lisbon Traviata*), Dale Dickey*, Patrika Darbo (*Days of Our Lives*), Mary-Margaret Lewis* (*Kalamazoo*), Ann Walker* (*Las Vegas*), Mitch Carter* (*Tom and Huck*), Newell Alexander* and Terry Brannon (*Dallas*), Earl Bullock* (*Mr. & Mrs. Smith*), Sarah Hunley* (*Ghost Whisperer*), Rosemary Alexander*, Susan Leslie (*Strong Medicine*), Scott Presley, and special guest artist, Beth Grant* (*Donnie Darko*). (*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*). The shows have sold more than 6,000 tickets to-date, with guests flying in from all parts of the United States, and as far as Germany and the United Kingdom.

The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife will be performed on Saturday's (3PM matinee and 8PM), Tuesday at 8PM and Wednesday at 8PM. For tickets and a complete schedule, please log online at: www.seasonofshores.com or call 1-800-595-4TIX (4849).

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