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### **AWARD-WINNING LOCAL DIRECTOR KIRSTEN BRANDT RETURNS TO GLOBE TO HELM *LOBBY HERO***

**HIT OFF-BROADWAY PLAY TO DEBUT IN INTIMATE CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE  
FEATURING J. AUGUST RICHARDS FROM THE WB'S HIT SERIES "ANGEL"**

San Diego – The Tony Award®-winning Old Globe is pleased to present ***Lobby Hero*** by **Kenneth Lonergan**, directed by **Kirsten Brandt**, to run in the intimate Cassius Carter Centre Stage **May 21 – June 26, 2005** (press opening: Thursday, May 26 at 8:00pm). Brandt returns to the Globe following up her acclaimed production of *The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow*.

Set in the lobby of a Manhattan high-rise, *Lobby Hero* charts the relationships between two security guards and two police officers – enduring the graveyard shift, and dealing with the problems caused by doing the right thing for the wrong reasons. Or is that the wrong thing for the right reasons.... *Time Out New York* called *Lobby Hero* “the best drama, the best comedy, the best romance, the best character study, and the best issue play all in one.” This hit off-Broadway play offers a vivid slice of contemporary life with this touching story of four ordinary people caught up in extraordinary circumstances.

Kenneth Lonergan, best known for his Academy Award-nominated film *You Can Count on Me*, has written several acclaimed plays, including *This Is Our Youth* and *The Waverly Gallery*. He also wrote the original screenplays for *Analyze This!* and Martin Scorsese's *Gangs of New York*.

The cast of *Lobby Hero* includes: acclaimed local actor **Nick Cordileone** (Lamb's Players Theatre resident ensemble member; credits include *Dial M for Murder*, *Detective Story*, *The Squirrel Wife*, and many others) as Jeff; **J. August Richards** (Tina Landau's *Space*; well known to television audiences as “Charles Gunn” on the hit WB show *Angel*) as William; **Lauren Lovett** (La Jolla Playhouse's *Fraulein Else*) as Dawn and **Mark Espinoza** (“Jesse” on *Beverly Hills 90210*) as Bill.

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**Kirsten Brandt** recently directed the Globe's acclaimed production of *The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow*. She has won countless awards for her work in San Diego, including the 2004 San Diego Critics Circle Award for outstanding direction (*Jenny Chow*) and the 2003 Award for Creative Achievement. Her Sledgehammer Theatre production of *Dream Play* also won a 2004 KPBS Patte Award for Outstanding Production. She served as Artistic Director of Sledgehammer from 1999 to 2004 and recently directed its world-premiere production of *Nu*, which she conceived and directed with Jessa Watson, and La Jolla Playhouse's production of *The Burning Deck*, starring Diane Venora. Brandt studied playwriting at the University of Birmingham, England (with David Edgar and Clair McIntyre) and graduated with a B.A. in directing from the UCSD. She is one of the founders of DURGA, the women's performance festival of San Diego and serves on the advisory board for the Coronado School of the Arts. She has also been a guest artist at the Lincoln Center Director's Lab West. Brandt has produced over 15 theatrical events for Sledgehammer and created its first ever education program, STEP, promoting literacy through drama in San Diego schools. She has also trained with the SITI Company in Los Angeles and completed the National Arts Marketing Project Advanced Audience Development Training & Granting Program.

The **Insights Seminar** for *Lobby Hero* will take place on **Monday, May 23 at 7:00pm** in the Old Globe Theatre. Insights Seminars are offered for each Globe production and provide patrons with an opportunity to be more closely connected to the work on stage and backstage at the Globe. Artists from all phases of a Globe production meet with patrons in a lively exchange of ideas and insights that enhance the theatre-going experience. Insights seminars are free to all Globe Members and Subscribers and \$5.00 for the general public.

Individual tickets for *Lobby Hero* go on sale Sunday, April 10. For tickets and information, please contact (619) 23-GLOBE or [www.TheOldGlobe.org](http://www.TheOldGlobe.org).

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**OLD GLOBE  
LOBBY HERO  
FACT SHEET**

**WHAT:**           *Lobby Hero*  
By Kenneth Lonergan

**WHEN:**           May 21 – June 26; *Press Opening: Thursday, May 26*  
Performances: – Sun/Tue/Wed at 7:00 pm  
                  – Thu/Fri/Sat at 8:00 pm  
                  – Matinees: Sat/Sun at 2:00 pm

**WHERE:**          **Cassius Carter Centre Stage**  
The Old Globe, Balboa Park

**WHO:**            Director: Kirsten Brandt                    Scenic Designer: Nick Fauch  
                  Lighting Designer: David Lee Cuthbert    Costume Designer: Mary Larson  
                  Sound Designer: Paul Peterson            Stage Manager: Diana Moser

Cast:    Nick Cordileone                    *Jeff*  
          Mark Espinoza                        *Bill*  
          Lauren Lovett                        *Dawn*  
          J. August Richards                 *William*

**BACKGROUND:**

Set in the lobby of a Manhattan high-rise, *Lobby Hero* charts the relationships between two security guards and two police officers – enduring the graveyard shift, and dealing with the problems caused by doing the right thing for the wrong reasons. Or is that the wrong thing for the right reasons.... *Time Out New York* called *Lobby Hero* “the best drama, the best comedy, the best romance, the best character study, and the best issue play all in one.” This hit off-Broadway play offers a vivid slice of contemporary life with this touching story of four ordinary people caught up in extraordinary circumstances.

**TICKETS:**        \$19 - \$55; Discounts for students, seniors and active military.

**BOX OFFICE:**    **(619) 23-GLOBE**

Hours: –Mondays noon to 6pm  
          –Tuesday thru Saturdays: noon to 8:30pm  
          –Sundays: noon to 7:30pm  
          –Visa, American Express, MasterCard, Discover Card accepted