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THEATER GROTTESCO ANNOUNCES DATES AND LOCATION FOR: ***THE RICHEST DEADMAN ALIVE!***

Santa Fe, NM – This fall Theater Grottesco will revive one of their most successful and entertaining shows from repertoire: ***The Richest Deadman Alive!*** opens at Santa Fe's Armory for the Arts, Thursday, September 17th and runs for 5 weeks, closing Sunday, October 18th.

Created by the company in 1988, ***The Richest Deadman Alive!*** is the story of an average middle-class couple that accidentally discovers the road to riches. This outrageous and fast-paced comedy takes aim at the universal human foible of greed, and the extent to which people will exploit each other just for cash.

Through expertly crafted characters and perfectly timed comical bits, the show takes the audience on the wild adventure of William and Margerie Walden. With a little magic and a good dose of absurdity, the Walden's find themselves on their dream vacation, only to be spiraling downward into the murky world of insurance fraud days later.

The Richest Deadman Alive! toured nationally for 3 years, and was last seen in Santa Fe in 2002. Presented as a mask-less, modern, Commedia Dell'Arte, the show returns to Santa Fe this fall with new cast members, a fresh approach, and guaranteed belly laughter.

Performed by: Todd Anderson, John Flax, Rod Harrison, Kate Kita, Mona Malec, Vanessa Rios y Valles and Elizabeth Wiseman.

WHAT: Theater Grottesco's ***The Richest Deadman Alive!***

WHERE: Armory for the Arts Theater: 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe

WHEN: September 17 – October 18 2009

Thursdays – Saturdays at 8pm

Sundays at 7pm

Opening Night Gala: Thursday, September 17, reception 6pm, show 7pm

TICKETS: \$25 general admission; \$10 students. **505.474.8400** or **www.theatergrottesco.org**

Sunday Performances: Post Show Discussion with Guest Commentator

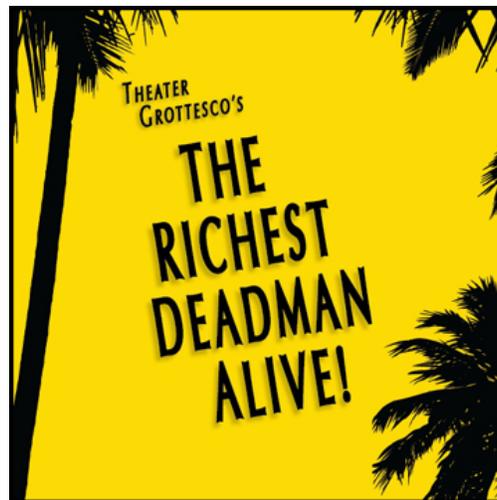
Friday Performances: Post Show Discussion with the Company

Pay What You Wish Performances: September 20, 24, 27 and October 1, 7, 14

Pay What You Wish Tickets available first come - first serve beginning 1 hour before the show at the theater. Full price tickets available in advance.

Opening Night Gala: Thursday September 17, **\$100**, Catered champagne reception beginning at 6pm carries on through intermission and after the show with the cast.

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QUICK THEATER GROTTESCO FACTS

- Founded in 1983 in Paris, France. The company later based out of New York City, Detroit, and now resides in Santa Fe, NM.
- Theater Grottesco toured nationally and internationally for 15 years.
- TG rekindles interest in live performance by juxtaposing classical theatrical styles with a daring, poetic research of culture and imagination, taking audiences to the brink of emotional wonder and soulful reflection.
- In 1999, Theater Grottesco performed *The Angels' Cradle* Off-Broadway at The New Victory Theater; that work is now permanently archived at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts.
- Theater Grottesco's plays are:
 - *Shorts 2010: Theatrical Transitions/Global Metamorphosis (In Progress)*
 - *Grottesco's 12th Night* – 2008
 - *Winter One Acts – 2006: Swimming in the Gases of Jupiter, Motherland*
 - *A Dream Inside Another* – 2005
 - *Keyholes* – 2003
 - *This is Life as We Know it* – 2001
 - *Grottesco Shorts II* – 2000
 - *The Angels' Cradle* – 1993
 - *Grottesco Shorts* – 1991
 - *Wenomadmen* -1989
 - *The Richest Deadman Alive!* – 1988
 - *Fortune: The Rise and Fall of a Small Fortune Cookie Factory* – 1987
 - *The Gryphon* – 1985
 - *The Big Move* – 1985
 - *The Insomniacs* – 1984
 - *Crusoe* – 1983



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