

THE MARSH SAN FRANCISCO PRESENTS
THE WEST COAST PREMIERE OF
THE MUSHROOM CURE

WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY ADAM STRAUSS
DIRECTED BY JONATHAN LIBMAN

April 19 – June 3, 2017

8pm Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:30pm Saturdays

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (24 March 2017) – **The Marsh San Francisco** brings Adam Strauss' Off-Broadway hit *The Mushroom Cure* to San Francisco for its West Coast Premiere. Inspired by a scientific study showing that hallucinogenic mushrooms may cure obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), Strauss embarked on a program of vigilante psychopharmacology. The true tale of Strauss' hilarious, harrowing, and heartrending attempts to treat his debilitating OCD with psychedelics, *The Mushroom Cure* was named a Critics' Pick by *Time Out New York*, which praised it as "riveting... true-life tour de force" and hailed by *The New York Times* as "mining a great deal of laughter from disabling pain." *The Mushroom Cure* will be presented **April 19 – June 3, 2017** (*press opening: May 10*) with performances 8:00pm Wednesdays & Fridays and 8:30pm Saturdays at The Marsh San Francisco Main Stage, 1062 Valencia St., San Francisco. For tickets (\$20-\$35 sliding scale, \$55-\$100 reserved), the public may visit www.themarsh.org or call The Marsh box office at **415-282-3055**, open 1-4pm, Monday through Friday.

The Mushroom Cure, written and performed by Adam Strauss, first ran in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe garnering widespread acclaim. Critics called the show "hugely intelligent and incredibly engaging," (*The Scotsman*) "outstanding," (*Edinburgh Festivals Magazine*), and "a revelation" (*Broadway Baby*). Strauss' riotous tale appeared next in the New York International Fringe Festival, winning the Fringe's Overall Excellence Award for Solo Performance. It then was given its Off-Broadway premiere at New York's Cherry Lane Theatre, where it had a sold-out, extended run.

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Adam Strauss is a writer and performer based in New York City. He won the Leffe Craft Your Character Storytelling Competition and the New York Fringe Festival's Overall Excellence Award for Solo Performance. He is also a stand-up comedian who performs throughout the US and the UK. Strauss received his BA in psychology from Brown University.

Director **Jonathan Libman** is a member of the Lyle Kessler's Actors Studio Playwrights/Directors Unit, where he directed Chazz Palminteri (*A Bronx Tale*) in Palminteri's new play *The Bench*, and also directed National Endowment for the Arts grant winner David Libman's play *The Townhouse*. He is a member of Amy Schumer's ensemble company The Collective, for which he has written and directed. His play *Please Leave the Light On* (2015/16 Bay Area Playwright's Semi-Finalist) and *Accidents Waiting to Happen* (Rattlestick TheaterJam) have upcoming staged readings in New York. Libman is a graduate of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts Dramatic Writing Program.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

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