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Comedy Gets Sketchy on the Next Stage

Memphis, TN – Parallel Lives, a series of two-women comedic skits originated by Mo Gaffney and Kathy Najimy, will be entertaining in the Theatre Memphis Next Stage November 8 - 23, 2024. Featuring Kim Justis Eikner and Jenny Odle Madden in the wildest of comic sketches examining the plight of women, in all her forms. With boundless humor, no stone is left unturned in this riotous skewering of misogyny, sexual identity, religion, homophobia, childbirth, friendship, growing up and growing old, and the ongoing quest to find love in a modern world handicapped by capricious gods – or in this case goddesses.

Director Ann Marie Hall has taken the helm of this production to make the most of the roles that long-time local theatre fans still associate with Justis Eikner and Odle Madden. They created all the outlandish characters previously in the Next Stage in 2001 and were also directed by Hall then, as well. “It’s so great to see Jenny and Kim in an encore performance in *Parallel Lives*. This sketch comedy treasure delivers stories of angels, sisters, wives, lovers, friends, hookers ... and sometimes that special cowboy at the bar. It's just plain fun.”

Theatre Memphis Executive Producer Debbie Litch appreciates the attention that Hall, Justis Eikner and Odle Madden bring to the production. “It is not often that a show from over two decade ago still hovers in your brain, but certain phrases and characters from this series of parodies are just so memorable. We’ve waited a long time for the right time to bring this back. It is appropriate, especially now at a time when we all need a good laugh.”

For more information about Theatre Memphis or this production, please go to <https://theatrememphis.org/shows/parallel-lives/>.

***Parallel Lives* directed by Ann Marie Hall**
November 8 - 23, 2024
Theatre Memphis, 630 Perkins Extd. Memphis, TN 38117

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Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for students and \$20 for seniors and military
www.theatrememphis.org/tickets or 901.682.8323.

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