



# Press Release

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**Andrew Bovell's Generations Spanning Story *When the Rain Stops Falling* Plays Redwood City in May**

This compelling family saga takes us back and forth in time from one generation to another, from 1959 to 2039, and from London to Australia. With four generations of fathers and sons, and their mothers, lovers and wives, the play is epic in its scope, yet at the same time extraordinarily intimate. The American premiere of *When The Rain Stops Falling* was named "The Best New Play of Year" by *Time Magazine*, and won five 2010 Lucille Lortel Awards.

The story begins in Alice Springs, Australia, in the year 2039. A fish falls from the sky and lands at the feet of Gabriel York. It still smells of the sea. It's been raining for days and Gabriel knows something is wrong.

Fifty years earlier his grandfather, Henry Law predicts that fish will fall from the sky heralding a great flood which will end life on earth as we know it.

In an intricate, multi-layered story that spans four generations and two continents, *When the Rain Stops Falling* explores patterns of betrayal, abandonment, destruction, forgiveness and love. This powerful drama unfolds with humanity, surprising humour and hope, as the past plays out into the future.

Dramatist, writer, screenwriter, critic, and the winner of numerous awards during his career, Andrew Bovell has utilized a variety of styles and contexts, as well as performance venues, since he began writing professionally in the late 1980s. His works are also largely concerned with social and political issues. He has also written extensively for film, radio and television, and worked as a critic. Born in 1962 in western Australia, Bovell's notable screenplays include *Strictly Ballroom* (in collaboration with Baz Luhrmann who made his directorial debut) and *A Most Wanted Man* (based on the John Le Carre novel of the same name and Philip Seymour Hoffman's final film).

When asked what the goal of the time shifting structure of *When the Rain Stops Falling* is, Bovell replied, "I guess what I was interested in doing is giving the audience a bit of work to do."

When *Time Magazine* declared it the Best New Play of the Year in 2010 it said that "The play is unrelievedly bleak but with a denouement of unexpected hope: a moving, almost revelatory evening of theater, and easily the best new play of the year."

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**Featuring:** Felix Abidor (Gabriel Law), John Baldwin (Joe Ryan), Sheila Ellam (Older Gabrielle), Lauren Hayes (Younger Elizabeth), Maria Giere Marquis (Younger Gabrielle), Judith Miller (Older Elizabeth), Evan Sokol (Gabriel York/Henry Law).

**Designers & Production Team:** Beth Covey-Snedegar (Properties Designer), Elizabeth Coy (Costume Designer), Ashley Taylor Frampton (Production Manager), Josiah Frampton (Box Office Manager), Dan Garrett (Lighting Designer), Meredith Hagedorn (Executive Artistic Director), Kimberly Mohne Hill (Director), Charles McKeithan (Technical Director), Linda Olbourne (Company Manager, Katie Siemans (Stage Manager), Daniel Stahlnecker (Scenic Designer), Ryan Short (Sound Designer), Kimberly Wadycki (Managing Director and Press Inquiries), Kimberlee Wittlieb (Photographer), Maggie Ziomek (Graphic Designer)

**When: May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 28th, 2016**

Thursdays – Saturdays, 8pm, Sundays, 2pm

Pay What You Will Preview, Thursday, May 5th at 8pm

Opening Night Friday, May 6th at 8pm

Post-show discussion with the cast and director Sunday, May 22nd

**WHERE:** The Dragon Theatre in downtown Redwood City  
2120 Broadway Street at the intersection of Broadway and Theatre Way

**HOW MUCH:**

\$30 for general admission seats. \$25 for student/senior tickets.

\$15 rush tickets on Thursdays and Fridays starting 2nd week. Limited availability and cash only at the door.

Limited discount tickets available on <http://www.tixbayarea.com>

Pay what you will preview on Thursday, May 5th– no reservation, just walk up and pay cash at the door.

\$175 for the VIP box (seats 4 people and includes champagne and chocolates.)

**TIX & MORE INFO:** <http://dragonproductions.net/>

**PRESS PHOTOS:** Available online at <http://www.dragonproductions.net/about-dragon/media.html>