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***Christmas has been stripped of all good intentions in the West Coast Premiere of "The Lying Kind"***

***Gala Opening at The Chance Theater on November 12th!***

**IN A NUTSHELL:**

WHAT: "The Lying Kind"  
By Anthony Neilson  
Directed by Beach Vickers  
Please Note: This play contains adult language.

WHEN: November 12 – December 17, 2006  
Sat 4 p.m., Sun. 6 p.m.

HOW MUCH: \$25 General Admission  
\$22 Seniors/Students with ID

WHERE: The Chance Theater, 5552 E. La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA 92807

INFO/RESERVATIONS: Theater Info Line 714.777.3033  
24/7 Ticket Line 800.838.3006  
24/7 Tickets online [www.chancetheater.com](http://www.chancetheater.com)

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GHOULISHLY HOLIDAY FARCICAL MAYHEM!! With plot development as satisfying as it is unexpected, Anthony Neilson's *The Lying Kind* is one of the darkest screwball holiday comedies to hit Orange County in years! When two dense cops decide that withholding the truth would be nicer than breaking bad news on Christmas Eve, outlandish misunderstandings quickly get out of hand. *The Lying Kind* will have you laughing out loud at the precarious load of farcical indignities that land on the heads of these hapless cops.

The West Coast Premiere of *The Lying Kind*, directed by Beach Vickers, in his Chance Theater directorial debut, will open on Sunday, November 12, 2006 and run for a total of 11 performances through December 17, 2006. Show times are Saturdays at 4:00 p.m., and Sundays at 6:00 p.m. Please Note: This play contains adult language. There will be a Post-Performance "Talkback" Discussion with the cast after every Sunday performance. For all general performances, tickets are \$25 General Admission, and \$22 for Seniors and Students with I.D. A \$20 Preview Performance is scheduled for November 11, at 4:00 p.m. The Opening Gala on Sunday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m., will include a champagne reception after the performance. A Dinner and Show package with Yves' Bistro and Café Europe is also available.

"Think of two bumbling cops, a little Marx Brothers and a lot of Abbot and Costello," says director Beach Vickers. "Throw in some harmless British double-entendres, and it's worth the price of admission to see these Two Stooges caught with

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their pants down -- I mean literally! There's also a girl dressed in Christmas wrap, a caroling lynch mob and a zombie Chihuahua. What could put you in better holiday spirit than that?" Adds director Victors, "Behind the laughter, playwright Anthony Neilson spoofs our modern society, where little white lies can pave the bumpy road to Christmas. Every director brags he has the best cast in town. Let them. I've got the funniest, and anything might happen, once we turn them loose for the holidays!"

The theme of Anthony Neilson's farcical comedy *The Lying Kind* is the tangled web of deceit. Playwright Neilson was nominated for the Evening Standard award as Most Promising Playwright for his 2002 play *Stitching*. His 1997 play *The Censor* won the *Time Out* and Writers' Guild awards for Best Fringe Play. *The Lying Kind* made its London debut at the Royal Court Theatre in 2002. It was Neilson's third new play written in 2002. "It's good to laugh . . . at the antics of the cerebrally challenged Gobbel and his not-quite-so-stupid mentor, Blunt." (*CurtainUp London*) "Neilson's trademark provocativeness is satisfyingly on display." (*The Stage*) "Neilson's premise is seasonally ghoulish." (*Time Out*) "A Christmas play at the Royal Court was never going to be like a Christmas show anywhere else, especially when the author is Anthony Neilson, best known for such in-yer-face shockfests as *Penetrator*, *The Censor* and this year's *Stitching*." (*The Guardian*) "Neilson's plot development is as satisfying as it is unexpected." (*Daily Telegraph*)

The London farce had its American premiere that same year at the What Exit? Theatre Company in New Jersey where it was declared to be "a rare and enjoyable opportunity to see a new full-bore British farce." (*Talkin' Broadway*) The Chance Theater is now pleased to present the West Coast Premiere of *The Lying Kind*.

The cast features Chance Theater Repertory Company Member Michael Irish, last seen in our acclaimed production of *Cabaret* (Back Stage West Critic's Pick). Joining him will be David Chorley who appeared in last season's holiday hit *A Christmas Story*; Krystal Cori Garcia who just appeared in our highly praised presentation of *Into The Woods* (Back Stage West Critic's Pick); Tara Henry making her Chance Theater debut; Kim Kiedrowski back at The Chance once again; Glenn Koppel who also appeared in our celebrated presentation of *Cabaret*; and Joan Neubauer returning to The Chance.

If you would like to arrange an interview with the director, cast, would like more information, reservations or complimentary press passes, please call 714-777-3033.

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