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EXCITING NEW PLAY **UNSAFE** TO OPEN

Jim Dalglish's 9/11 psychological thriller opens on Cape Cod then heads to Boston

COTUIT, MA, Feb 10, 2016 -- Cotuit Center for the Arts is proud to announce the world premiere of Jim Dalglish's play **Unsafe**, opening March 31 at CCftA through April 10, then moving to the Plaza Theatre at the Boston Center for the Arts April 15-30. Co-produced by CCftA and Boston Public Works Theater Company and directed by Dalglish, **Unsafe** is the story of a New York family trying to pick up the pieces of their lives in the years following 9-11.

A semifinalist at the National Playwrights Conference at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in 2008, **Unsafe**, says Dalglish, "is an apocalyptic drama about one family's refusal to wake up to the frightening realities of a post 9-11 world. It's a play about the flimsy barricades we all build and the fantasies we fabricate to keep this terrifying new world at bay – a world that through our arrogance, neglect, and self-deception, we helped create."

Unsafe takes place in Manhattan in 2003 as a mid-winter blizzard blankets the city under three feet of snow. A troubled young man with nowhere to go crashes his widowed stepmother's 40th birthday party. His arrival triggers a flurry of memories - fond, painful, and frightening – and unwittingly exposes his family to the danger that haunts him on the abandoned, snow-covered streets below.

Unsafe garnered some momentum after a reading at CCftA in 2015, and Executive Director David Kuehn decided to mount a full production for the 2016 slate. "Over 100 people attended the staged reading and all of them stayed for an intense talk back afterwards. I remember being completely stunned and moved to tears. I was not alone. It was clear that this was the new and original play that needed a full production mounted on our main stage. To present our production in Boston is both a thrill and an honor."

In conjunction with the premiere, CCftA is also presenting a juried art exhibit in their gallery space entitled "Unsafe: Life after 9/11." Artists and writers are invited to submit works that convey the impact the attacks on the World Trade Center Towers have had on life in America.

playwright website: [Jim Dalglish](#)

Cotuit Center for the Arts website: ccfta/unsafe

Boston Public Works website: bpw/unsafe

About Cotuit Center for the Arts: Our mission is to be a welcoming hub for Cape Cod's artists, performers, students, and audiences, working together to make the creation and experience of art accessible, nurturing, and thrilling to all.

About Boston Public Works: Boston Public Works was founded in 2013 by two Boston playwrights who passionately feel that all playwrights should have an outlet for their voices and have control over the production of their work. They formed Boston Public Works to increase the number of new plays in Boston, and to introduce Boston's theater audience to exciting new playwrights.

Quick facts:

event: "Unsafe" world premiere **who:** playwright/director Jim Dalglish

where: Cotuit Center for the Arts, 4404 Route 28 in Cotuit; BCA Plaza Theater, 539 Tremont, St, Boston

when: Mar 31-Apr 10 Cotuit Center for the Arts, Apr 15-30 BCA PLaza Theater **cost:** tickets \$15-\$28

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