

# *God's Love Makes Beautiful Things Happen*



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## **WORLD PREMIERE OF A NEW COMEDY**

Theater Forum, the up-and-coming off-off-Broadway company that made such a splash this spring with its powerful staging of *Angels Fall*, is changing gears this autumn to comedy.

*BAD DOG* by Rebecca J. Stokes is a surreal comedy that takes us inside a quirky world of dogs and the people who love them madly – and we mean madly. “I describe this play as a cross between “Best in Show” and “Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown,” says Executive Producer Ellen Seltz. “If you love your pets, if you’ve ever had a relationship drive you crazy, if you just love to laugh – you’re going to love this show.”

*BAD DOG* was chosen from over a hundred scripts submitted to the company in an open call earlier this year. Stokes' winning combination of comic style and thematic substance made *BAD DOG* an obvious choice. With so much emphasis in our culture on finding our “perfect” soul mate, the line between reality and fantasy blurs. So, how do we define ourselves and our relationships? What is unconditional love and where do we find it? What really makes us human? Stokes comments, “...we forget what a dangerous game love is. People who give love their all are the few, the proud, the hopelessly insane. The play is about that.” These ideas from the play will be the topic of the “Forum” discussions for which the company is named, where audiences can interact with the actors, production team and guest speakers. Forums will be held November 5, 6, 12, 13 and 19.

*BAD DOG* is directed by Russell Taylor, named “Outstanding Director” by the 2006 Backstage Bistro Awards, and features Sarah Gavitt, Annette Guarrasi, Randy Harmon, Tarek Khan, and Evan O’Brian.

*BAD DOG* runs October 27 – November 20 at 417 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan. Fridays-Saturdays 8pm, Sundays pm, Mondays 7pm. Tickets are \$18 (\$15 students/seniors) and may be purchased online at [www.theatermania.com](http://www.theatermania.com), by phone at 212-352-3101, or at the door. For reservations or more information, call 212-696-6467 or visit [www.cfan.net](http://www.cfan.net).

Artwork and more information about the company may be downloaded at <http://www.cfan.net/html/TheaterForum>.