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“...excellent, often delightfully funny.” - Berkeley Daily Planet

“...remarkably inventive.” - East Bay Express

Ragged Wing Ensemble presents
The Northern California Premiere of...
THE HISTORY OF THE DEVIL by Clive Barker
Extended one more week
now thru Nov. 8, 2008

Central Stage in Richmond, CA
Fri. & Sat. at 8:00 pm
Directed by: Jeffrey Hoffman

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THE HISTORY OF THE DEVIL, written by **Clive Barker** (playwright, artist/illustrator, and screenwriter) is the fifth production by Ragged Wing Ensemble (RWE) – **has been extended for one additional week – now running thru Nov. 8, 2008** - presented at **Central Stage** - 5221 Central Ave. in Richmond, CA 94804. It is also the Northern CA premiere of the play! Performances are Fri. & Sat. at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 - \$15 - sliding scale, and are available by calling **800/ 838 - 3006** or by going to our web site - www.raggedwing.org Student discount (5 or more)-\$10.

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Clive Barker's **THE HISTORY OF THE DEVIL** – a story of redemption, compassion and fear - takes place at The Devil's parole hearing, where audiences sit in as jurors and are transported back in time via vignettes of testimony that illustrate The Devil's actions throughout history. Frequently fantastic, often grotesque, and chock full of wry humor in true Clive Barker style, this show's scope and staging highlights Ragged Wing Ensemble's distinctive work in the Bay Area as a physical theater company that creates physically adventurous and visually stimulating work.

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THE HISTORY OF THE DEVIL was written in the early 1980s, *and* published in 1995 as part of a collection of plays called *Incarnations*. Clive Barker never intended the play to be published, originally writing it to be developed and performed by his own theatre, The Dog Company, with himself as director. Since 1995, the play has been performed all around the world, often resulting in banned productions in places that deemed the content “too blasphemous”. This attention helped launch the audacious script into notoriety often playing to sold-out houses. According to Clive Barker, *The History of the Devil* is a story best described as “John Milton meets John Grisham.”

The actors featured in the production are: Sora Baek, El Beh, Fiona Cheung, Kevin Cops, Keith C. Davis, Ara Glenn-Johanson, Gary Grossman, Erin Maxon, Amy Penney & Davern Wright.

Acting Interns in the production are: Anna Kennard and Hillary Milton. Set Designer: Plamena Milusheva; Lighting Designer: Joey Brennan; Costume Designer: Joui Turandot; Puppet Designer: Garrett Shockley; Choreographer: Amy Sass; Producer: Anna Shneiderman; Asst. Producer: Ashley Porcuincola; Stage Manager: Travis Van Oosbree. The show is directed by Jeffrey Hoffman

Directions to Central Stage:

DRIVING - From I-80 East, exit at Central Ave. in El Cerrito, take a left on Central going under the highway - stay in the right lane. Go straight through the light - then immediately veer right just before the bridge, going towards the warehouse buildings. Go towards the black iron gate, but before the gate, take a right at the pylon with business names on it. Central Stage is the first building on the corner. Easy street parking.

BART - Take the Richmond line to El Cerrito Plaza, walk 1 block north to Central Ave., go less than 1 mile (8-10 blocks) down Central Ave. After passing under the highway bridge, follow the same directions as above.

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BOX OFFICE: **Call 800/ 838 - 3006 or visit our web site to reserve tickets.**

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