

A MODEL FOR MATISSE TIX ON SALE; CREW ANNOUNCED

Tickets for The Midnight Company's world premiere production of A MODEL FOR MATISSE by Barbara F. Freed and Joe Hanrahan, based on the documentary film written and directed by Barbara F. Freed, will go on sale Monday, August 12 at MetroTix.com. Tickets are \$20, and the play will be presented at the ZACK Theatre on September 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20 and 21 at 8pm, and on Sunday, September 15 at 2 and 7pm.

The play presents a warm and colorful portrait of the unconventional relationship between one of the twentieth century's greatest artists, Henri Matisse and Monique Bourgeois. She was a 21-year old nursing student and amateur artist when, in 1941, she answered an ad placed by Matisse seeking a "young and pretty night nurse." From this humble beginning rose the little known and tender friendship between the artist and Monique (who became Souer Jacques-Marie), the woman who inspired Matisse to create what he proclaimed the masterpiece of his life's work: The Chapel of the Rosary in the French Mediterranean village of Vence. The Philadelphia Inquirer called it "one of the great love affairs of art history."

In A MODEL FOR MATISSE, Rachel Hanks will portray Monique/Souer Jacques and Midnight's Artistic Director Joe Hanrahan will portray Matisse. Ellie Schwetye will direct.

In the crew will be Michael B. Perkins, who will design the video (Michael has done the same for Midnight's A JUDGMENT AT NUREMBERG and NOW PLAYING THIRD BASE FOR THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS...BOND, JAMES BOND, and is now appearing on stage in the R-S show A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE); Assistant Director Lex Ronan (who appeared in Midnight's Fringe show, THE EVEREST GAME); Costume Designer Liz Henning (who was Stage Manager for Midnight's TITLE AND DEED); Lighting Designer Tony Anselmo (who's designed lights for the last two Midnight shows, POPCORN FALLS and CHARLIE JOHNSON READS ALL OF PROUST); Stage Manager Ashely Bauman and Assistant Stage Manager Mason Hunt (who Stage Managed Midnight's NOW PLAYING THIRD BASE... show.)

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