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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Company One and Phoenix Theatre Artists Present the New England Premiere  
of the Vern Thiessen's "APPLE"!**

Phoenix Theatre Artists and Company One are proud to present the New England premiere of *APPLE* at the Boston Playwrights' Theatre. *APPLE* playwright Vern Thiessen is one of Canada's most produced playwrights. He has written for stage, radio and television. His stage plays have been seen across Canada, the US and Europe. Thiessen is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Elizabeth Sterling Haynes Award for Outstanding New Play, The City of Edmonton Arts Achievement Award, the University of Alberta Alumni Award for Excellence, The Canadian Jewish Playwriting Competition, and the Governor General's Literary Award, Canada's highest honor for playwriting. He has also been shortlisted for the prestigious Siminovitch Prize in Theatre.

Thiessen received his BA from the University of Winnipeg and an MFA from the University of Alberta. He has served as Playwright in Residence at Workshop West Theatre (where he founded the Playwrights Garage program), and the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton. He is a Past President of both the Playwrights Guild of Canada and the Writer's Guild of Alberta.

**About the Production**

Andy is in trouble. Downsized from his job, his marriage in crises, he looks to a mysterious young woman for salvation. But when his wife becomes seriously ill, Andy must make a choice: care for an estranged wife, or run away with a woman he knows little about. A haunting tale of sex, secrets and second chances.

"After our successes with the comedies *Christmas Belles* and *The Superheroine Monologues*, we wanted to do something completely different", says Greg Maraio, the play's director as well as artistic director of Phoenix Theatre Artists. "*Apple* is a play unlike any I have ever read before, it's such a deeply moving and truthful look at complex human relationships.

*APPLE* features a cast of Phoenix mainstays including Dave Sanfacon as Andy and Barbara Douglass as Lyn. Also returning to the stage is a co-founder of Phoenix Theatre Artists, Eliza Lay, who will be playing Sam.

**WHAT:** Phoenix Theatre Artists and Company One present the New England Premiere of *APPLE* by Vern Thiessen. Directed by Greg Maraio

**WHEN:** March 12- April 3, 2010  
Fridays, and Saturdays at 8:00 P.M.  
Saturday Matinees at 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday Matinees at 2:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** Boston Playwrights' Theatre, 949 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA

**TICKETS:** \$25 General Admission,  
\$20 Seniors (65+), \$20 Students with I.D.

**BOX OFFICE:** Phone: 866.811.4111  
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In Person: one hour before show

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