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The Keating Mainstage
The Goldstein Cabaret
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“FAMILY SECRETS” AT FLORIDA STUDIO THEATRE *A comedic one-woman exploration of family foibles*

(Sarasota, FL) - Florida Studio Theatre's second show for the Summerfest season holds the title of longest running one-woman show in Off-Broadway history. *Family Secrets*, written by Sherry Glaser and Gregory Howells, is a hilarious family portrait that earned this distinction after 462 performances in 1995.

In *Family Secrets*, one actress portrays five family members, based on the eccentric family of playwright and original performer Sherry Glaser. The play weaves through the unique stories of the family members from patriarch Mort and motherly Bev to earth-child daughter Kahari, sixteen year old Sandra as well as Grandma Rose, who is finding romance in her golden years. The play explores the notion of family through both generational and cultural differences. The play won the NY Theater World Award for Best Debut, and was nominated for a Drama Desk Award and two L.A.'s Ovation Awards.

The dynamic actress that will portray the family members is **Sarasota star Carolyn Michel**. Carolyn has a long history of working with FST, having worked with the theater for over 20 years. She was most recently seen at Florida Studio Theatre this May in a reading of *The Taste Test*. She has previously starred in many FST productions including a few other notable one-woman shows playing Ann Landers in *The Lady With all the Answers* in 2007, the title character in *Rose* in 2003, and playing Dorothy Parker in *One Foot in Scarsdale* in 1991 and 2004.

Family Secrets was created by the collaboration of wife and husband team Sherry Glaser and Gregory Howells. FST continues this tradition of a wedded collaboration by having Michel's husband Howard Millman as director of the production. Millman has worked in the Sarasota area for years. He was the managing director of Asolo Repertory Theatre from 1968 to 1980. He returned to The Asolo in 1995 and served as the Producing Artistic Director for 11 years.

While *Family Secrets* focuses specifically on one quirky, Jewish family, the themes presented are universal. To Carolyn Michel this play explores many more families than the one presented onstage. “No matter what,” Michel says, “family is the most important thing we have. And I mean that in the broad sense—not only people we are directly related to, but our family of friends. And, in the large picture, the family of humankind.”

The production design team includes Lauren Feldman as Scenic Designer, Nicole Wee as Costume Designer, Michael Foster as Lighting Designer, and John Valines as Sound Designer.

The hilarious *Family Secrets* continues through July 25, 2010 at the Gompertz Theatre. Tickets are \$19 - \$34 and may be purchased from the FST Box Office in person, by phone (941) 366 – 9000 or online at www.floridastudiotheatre.org!

Known as Sarasota's Contemporary Theatre, Florida Studio Theatre was founded in 1973 by Jon Spelman. Starting out as a small touring company, FST traveled to places such as migrant camps and prisons. The company eventually settled down into a permanent home, acquiring the former Woman's Club building – now renamed the Keating Theatre. In the years that followed, Florida Studio Theatre established itself as a major force in American Theatre, presenting contemporary theatre in its three theatre venues: the Keating Theatre, the Goldstein Cabaret and its newest space, the Gompertz Theatre.

Even with its growth, Florida Studio Theatre remains firmly committed to making the arts accessible and affordable to a broad-based audience. Under Richard Hopkins, Artistic Director and CEO, FST develops theatre that speaks to our living, evolving, and dynamically changing world. As FST grows and expands, it continues to provide audiences with challenging, contemporary drama and innovative programs.

Florida Studio Theatre is grateful to Dennis and Graci McGillicuddy and Jules and Sheila Rose for underwriting the 2010 Summerfest Season and to the Sarasota Arts Council, Tourist Development Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

*Interviews are available with the cast and/or director based on availability.
Schedule follows on the next page. Production photos available on request.*

FAMILY SECRETS
The Gompertz Theatre
\$19-\$34
Performance schedule
June 30 – July 25, 2010

Wednesday	June 30	8:00 PM
Thursday	July 1	8:00 PM
Friday	July 2	8:00 PM
Saturday	July 3	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sunday	July 4	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Tuesday	July 6	8:00 PM
Wednesday	July 7	8:00 PM
Thursday	July 8	8:00 PM
Friday	July 9	8:00 PM
Saturday	July 10	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sunday	July 11	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Tuesday	July 13	8:00 PM
Wednesday	July 14	8:00 PM
Thursday	July 15	8:00 PM
Friday	July 16	8:00 PM
Saturday	July 17	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sunday	July 18	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Tuesday	July 20	8:00 PM
Wednesday	July 21	8:00 PM
Thursday	July 22	8:00 PM
Friday	July 23	8:00 PM
Saturday	July 24	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sunday	July 25	3:00 PM

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