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New Play Asks: Can the American Dream Survive in Hostile Territory?

SILVER BULLET TRAILER

March 27 - April 19 at The Ohio Theater

"The script, staging and performances - especially Ms. Shavers sweetly gawky star turn - are ready for prime time." - Wall Street Journal (on Shavers' *Go Robot Go*)

"There is remarkable synergy between writer and director [Dan O'Brien] with Shavers... she's great fun to watch; there's enough here to herald the arrival of a major talent." - nytheater.com (on *Go Robot Go*)

Beginning March 27th, The Ohio Theater will offer the World Premiere of Julie Shavers' ***SILVER BULLET TRAILER***. This Wild Western was developed from 2006-2007 while Julie Shavers was in residence with London's Royal Court Theater and The Present Company's (Producers FringeNYC) playwriting lab. It will be directed by Dan O'Brien. Casting will be announced shortly.

In ***SILVER BULLET TRAILER***, an expectant mother and her unborn child travel through a dreamscape of the American West meeting casualties of American ambition: cowboys, Indians, hookers, and magicians. Combining elements of live music, song, dance, and video this touching comedy explores the birthing process and the hazards of brining new life into contemporary society, from the callousness of the health care industry to the decay of the American family. Journeying through dreams, our heroine's unborn child encounters subconscious voices of America's diverse disenfranchised, reflecting his mother's waking nightmare. Reality dispels myth in the American heartland as we meet some the many pioneers who got lost chasing the American dream.

"Indie Theater All Star **Julie Shavers**," (nytheatre.com) spent 2006 in residence as a playwright with the Royal Court Theater and in The Present Company's playwriting lab, The Pool. ***SILVER BULLET TRAILER*** earned her a place as an alternate for the Public Theater's emerging writers workshop. Her plays include *Go Robot Go* (FringeNYC), *The Kitchen is Small* (Detroit's Planet Ant Theatre) and *The Secret Life of Plants*. (American Globe Theater). As an actress, The New York Times praised, "the compelling Julie Shavers" for her work as the title character in Len Jenkin's *Margo Veil* at The Flea. Other acting credits include Adam Bock's *Three Guys and a Brenda* at the Lucille Lortel and Julia Barclay's *Word to No One* with the Present Company.

Dan O'Brien is one of the most recognizable actors on TV from his work in over 20 commercials in the last 3 years. His stage work includes a season at The Flea Theater in *The Vomit Talk of Ghosts* at The Flea, 13P playwright Gary Winter's *The Lake*, Robin Goldwasser's *The Problem is You* at The Vineyard Theater, Adam Bock's *Three Movers* at the Atlantic Theater and Brian Parks' *Americana Absurdum* at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival (which earned a Fringe First Award). Dan's directing credits include Julie Shavers' *Go Robot Go* at FringeNYC.

SILVER BULLET TRAILER runs March 27 - April 19, Wednesday - Saturday at 8pm. The Ohio Theater is located at 66 Wooster Street (between Spring & Broome Streets -- accessible from the C, E trains to Spring Street.) Tickets are \$18, available at 212-352-3101 or www.sohothinktank.org.