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

SILVER BULLET TRAILER

March 28 - 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 28th, The Ohio Theater will offer the World Premiere of Julie Shavers' ***SILVER BULLET TRAILER***, presented in association with The Present Company (producers of FringeNYC). 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 playwriting lab. It will be directed by Dan O'Brien.

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 birning 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.

The production stars Kate Albarelli, Gina Bonati, Cate Bottiglione, Benjamin Ellis Fine, Michael Hannon, Chris Hury, Moti Margolin, Brent Popolizio, Julie Shavers, Ashley Ward, Ryan Woodle and Lilli Zaunner with scenic design by Kevin Bartlett, lighting by Laura Mroczkowski, film design / animation by Ian Savage, costumes by Alisha Silver and original music by composer Phil Carluzzo.

"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 shows at The Flea Theater, The Vineyard Theater, Atlantic Theater Company and Edinburgh Fringe Festival. His directing credits include Julie Shavers' *Go Robot Go* at FringeNYC, Nick Colt's *Birdy* and *The Golden Putter* at The Gene Frankel Theater, NYC, Julie Shavers' *The Incontinent Life of Plants* at The American Globe Theater, and Julie Shavers' *Dissecting Jimmy Star*.

SILVER BULLET TRAILER runs March 28 - April 19, Wednesday - Saturday at 8pm with additional performances Sunday, March 30 & Monday, March 31 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 212-868-4444, www.SmartTix.com or www.silverbullettrailer.com