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Special POMC Benefit Performance of critically-acclaimed production of *Talk About The Passion* at The Chance Theater

Anaheim Hills, CA (February 22, 2008) – The Sunday, March 9th performance of *Talk About the Passion* at The Chance Theater will benefit the Greater Orange County Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children, the only national self-help organization dedicated solely to the aftermath and prevention of murder. For all other performances, \$5 of every ticket sold to a supporter of Parents Of Murdered Children will also be donated to the non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) is a support group for adult family members (not just parents) and friends of those who have died by violence. It offers emotional support and information about surviving the loss of a loved one who has been murdered. Founded by Robert and Charlotte Hullinger in Cincinnati Ohio, in 1978 after the murder of their 19-year old daughter, POMC makes a difference through on-going emotional support, education, prevention, advocacy, and awareness and strives to provide support and assistance to all survivors of homicide victims while working to create a world free of murder.

The Chance Theater's California premiere production of Graham Farrow's *Talk About The Passion* explores the story of a young father who is forced to endure the attention that accompanies the release of his son's killer's best-selling autobiography. After attending a performance on Sunday, February 17, POMC Chapter Leader, Marie Belmontez spoke with Chance Theater Managing Director (and cast member) Casey Long, expressing her personal appreciation of the show, and how it dives deeper into an issue that is too often ignored - what really happens to the people who lose someone to violence, and what if that person doesn't have any one to speak to because they've been ostracized in their community (like the main character is in *Talk About The Passion*).

Talk About The Passion is a *Back Stage West* Critic's Pick and has been called "an unforgiving look at personal pain and loss, Farrow makes us feel the impotence and rage of the families of all murder victims" - *The OC Register*. "Heart wrenching and fist clenching" - *What The Butler Saw*

For more information on the Greater Orange County Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children, contact Marie Belmontez at (562) 508-2397.

If you would like to arrange an interview with the director or cast of *Talk About the Passion*, would like more information, reservations or complimentary press passes, please call (714) 777-3033.

Performance & Ticket Information

Tickets: \$25-\$22

Performances: Through March 16, 2008; Thu. 8 p.m.; Sun. 7 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: This play contains adult language and mature subject matter.

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About The Chance Theater

Recently voted the #2 Live-Theater Group by *OC Register* readers, The Chance is proud to be entering its Tenth Anniversary Season. A recipient of the 2007 Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle's (LADCC) Polly Warfield Award for Excellence, a vital component of The Chance Theater's mission has always been to intimately present personally meaningful, uniquely engaging stories that promote dialogue within our community and provide a visceral experience for theatergoers. As a constituent member of Theater Communications Group (TCG) and Network of Ensemble Theaters (NET), The Chance continues to bring national attention to Southern California theater through its achievements, which include a 2006 GLAAD Media Award nomination for Outstanding Los Angeles Theater; recognition as the 2004 Arts Orange County Outstanding Arts Organization; and participation in the 365 Days/365 Plays National Theater Project, the upcoming Festival of New American Musicals, and the Los Angeles Edge of the World Theatre Festival.

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