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**teatro oscuro & No Jacket Required,
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present**

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Confirmation

“Tolerance is easy. All you have to do is look the other way.”

Teatro Oscuro and No Jacket Required are proud to present *Confirmation* written and directed by Vincent Marano, as part of the 12th Annual New York International Fringe Festival – FringeNYC. *Confirmation* is the latest in a string of intense and engaging theatrical productions by an artist whose work has been a mainstay of the New York City Independent Theater community for over a decade.

Set in Reagan Era New York City, *Confirmation* is a comedic drama that examines the emotional commerce that lies beneath our personal relationships. Inner-city school teacher Joe Kortig has moved into a new apartment after a grueling breakup. However, a fresh start remains elusive. His mother Marie has written an award winning book on parenting, using Joe's life as source material, his long-time friend Myra desires to renew their physical relationship and his best friend David has a sexual encounter with one of Joe's students. As Joe struggles with the needs all around him, the consequences of David's fling bear down on him in the form of school Principal Father Cohan.

Vincent Marano, “the embodiment of the Fringe,” returns with his 8th show in as many years, a serio-comic follow up to his whimsical *La Vigilia* (FringeNYC, 2008) and critically acclaimed *Note to Self*. Mr. Marano has directed award-winning dramas such as Tim Nolan's *The Way Out* (Fringe, 2002, Best Performance) and *Acts of Contrition* (Fringe, 2003, Best Play), and his own sold out hit political satire *A Collapse* (Fringe 2006). *Confirmation* is one of his most personal works, recalling the personal tragedies he has witnessed as New York City school teacher for 24 years. The cast includes Ethan Downing, Tim Dudek, Tod Engle*, Helen Galek*, Corey Tazmania* and John Triana*.

Confirmation will be performed at **The Cherry Pit**, 155 Bank, between Washington and West Streets, August 15 @ 7pm, August 17 @ 4:30pm, August 19 @ 9:30, August 20 @ 2:45pm and August 22 @ 5pm. Check www.fringeNYC.org for more details. Tickets \$15.



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