

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE May 7, 2010 to July 9, 2010

MEDIA CONTACT: Rachelle Elie, (647) 300-2383, crowningmonkey@yahoo.ca

Crowning Monkey Presents

MAL



Photo by Sandy Nicholson

“Rachelle Elie is an excellent clown...”

Eye Magazine (Toronto)

“ Elie is an exquisite performer.”

SEE Magazine (Edmonton)

“a gifted performer...[and] frighteningly intelligent.

The Gazette (Montreal)

Crowning Monkey proudly presents “MAL” an original comedy directed by “Buffon King” **Adam Lazarus** who directed *Best in Fest 2008* winner “LUPE” and “Zdenka Now!”. Written by and Starring Award winning Fringe veteran **Rachelle Elie**, “MAL” runs from **June 30th – July 9th** at the **George Ignatieff Theatre** as part of the **Toronto Fringe Festival**. This new play was created by the Team that brought you the 2008 Ottawa Fringe Festival **OUTSTANDING COMEDY AWARD** Winner **Joe: The Perfect Man**. **James Keylon**, former scene writer for **Cirque de Soleil’s** “Kooza”, acted as creative collaborator on this exciting piece.

“MAL” is a dramatic comedy that explores one woman’s journey through **disaster and triumph**. Featuring highlights from past **Fringe Hit** shows, this piece weaves through Rachelle’s closet of characters and delves deep into her comedic soul. **A fatuous Psychic**, a Bitter Birthday Clown, an **Outrageous Hollywood Actress**, and a Gregarious **Macbeth Wannabee** all lead her to embrace the **Fool’s Path**. Through surprise insights and revelation she steps into **brilliance** and finds her true calling.

A dynamic and original performer, **Rachelle Elie** has been developing her unique vision of contemporary society on world stages for over fifteen years. A graduate of Vancouver’s acclaimed Theatre School **Studio 58** she has studied with such well-known clown/ physical comedy teachers as John Turner & Mike Kennard (**Mump & Smoot**), Karen Hines (**Pochsy**) and Philippe Gaulier (**Sasha Baron Cohen**). This award winning comedienne has been showcased on **The Comedy Network** and **The Women’s Television Network**. Rachelle lives with her **obstetrician** husband and two kids in Toronto.

MAL

Written by & Starring **Rachelle Elie**

Direction & Dramaturge by **Adam Lazarus**

The George Ignatieff Theatre- 15 Devonshire Place (South of Bloor) TIX call: **416-966-1062**

Wed June 30 7:00-8:00pm

Frid July 2 1:15-2:15pm

Sun July 4 6:30-7:30pm

Tues July 6 1:15-2:15pm

Wed July 7 11:00-midnight

Frid July 9 3:30-4:30pm

Sat July 10 8:00-9:00pm



For Photos, Previews and Reviews go to www.crowningmonkey.com