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**"I started at 160 pounds and when I left, I had lost 85 pounds.
You do the math!"**

THEATRE UNDER PRESSURE

Presents

WEIGHT LOSS WORLD

Written and Directed by Chris Michael Burns

Set in a last-resort, rapid weight loss facility, **WEIGHT LOSS WORLD** is an outrageous satire about desperate people taking desperate measures. Both scathing and politically incorrect, it forces the audience to choose between laughing and looking inward.

Sally Pitt is an artist. Tommy Wright is a banker. Marcia McAllister is a teacher. Tim Louis is a cable repair man. All have weight gain issues that have spiralled out of control. They look to Daisy, the director of Weight Loss World, whose techniques are unconventional at best. Daisy makes all her patients sign a contract which stipulates they cannot leave until they reach their stated goal weights (which are always dangerously low). Once inside, everybody wants to return to their lives as soon and as thin as possible, so the pressure is on and the clock is ticking...

Loosely inspired by Sartre's *No Exit*, playwright and director Chris Michael Burns has created a hilarious and absurd world in which *hell is ones own body*. Starring a hilarious cast and using the quest to be thin as a parable to express the insanity and desperation of contemporary sameness, **WEIGHT LOSS WORLD** exhibits extreme and outrageous circumstances to expose the physical and psychological dangers of vanity.

WEIGHT LOSS WORLD

Presented by Theatre Under Pressure

As part of



Toronto's Theatre Festival

Written and Directed by Chris Michael Burns

Stage Management by Michelle Galuska

Starring Shealyn Angus, Andrew Aquino, Laurel Brady,

Jennifer Krukowski and Michael David Lorsch

St. Vladimir's Theatre, 620 Spadina Avenue (South of Harbord)

Thursday, July 1 @ 10:00pm

Saturday, July 3 @ 8:00pm

Sunday, July 4 @ Noon

Monday, July 5 @ 1:15pm

Thursday, July 8 @ 11:00pm

Friday, July 9 @ 2:15pm

Saturday, July 10 @ 5:15pm

All tickets \$10 at the door, or book in advance by calling the Fringe Hotline at 416.966.1062 or online at www.fringetoronto.com. Fringe passes are also available after June 5, 2010.

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