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San Marin High School Revisits *The Laramie Project*

(Novato, CA)... San Marin High School Drama students first performed ***The Laramie Project*** in 2003. This year, San Marin's Drama students are revisiting that play with ***The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later*** by Moisés Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theatre Project.

The play will be performed May 8, 9, 11, 15 16 and 18 at 7:30 pm at the Emily Gates Student Center at San Marin High School, 15 San Marin Drive, Novato.

In 1998, the brutal murder of 21 year old University of Wyoming student, Matthew Shepard, brought playwright Moisés Kaufman and fellow members of the Tectonic Theatre Project to the town of Laramie, Wyoming in search of answers as to why this hate crime took place. The result of their research and interviews was the play ***The Laramie Project***.

Ten years later, Kaufman and his team returned to Laramie to find out how the town had changed in the wake of Matthew's murder. Their new play, ***The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later***, is a deep analysis into the affects Shepard's murder had on Laramie's people. The play features the real words of the interviewees.

San Marin Drama Teacher and Director, Linda Kislingbury, said, "This is a great play to bring to the next generation of students to begin the discussion about some of the issues facing our society today." Student Assistant Director, Obed Ventura added, "This timely play explores our societies' reaction to tolerance." "***The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later***, isn't really about a city or a crime," said Student Assistant Director Bella Blofeld. "It examines the effects of hatred."

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and can be purchased at the door or in the San Marin front office during school hours 8:30 am – 3:30 pm Monday-Friday.

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