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New Leaf Theatre presents
RECKLESS by Craig Lucas

Opens: October 16, 2003, Closes: November 22, 2003

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New Leaf Theatre kicks off its second season with *RECKLESS* by Craig Lucas directed by Brandon Ray, newly appointed artistic director for New Leaf Theatre Company. This production opens October 16th 2003 through November 22nd 2003 at the Lincoln Park Cultural Center – 2045 N. Lincoln Park West, Chicago, 60614 – Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm with preview performance on Wednesday, October 15th 2003 at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$10.00 general admission, \$8.00 seniors and students with ID, preview admission \$5.00. Tickets can be reserved by telephone at 773-463-2575 or by email at newleaftheatre@hotmail.com.

NEWLY APPOINTED ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

RECKLESS marks Brandon Ray's Chicago directorial debut with New Leaf Theatre, who was appointed artistic director in June 2003. New Leaf Theatre recently produced and showcased three one-act plays written by Brandon Ray in its IN THE SPOTLIGHT local playwright series. Brandon's previous directing credits include *Assassins* and *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* at the Amy Graves Ryan Little Theatre in Abilene, Texas and *Don't Dress for Dinner* at Market House Theatre in Paducah, Kentucky. Brandon has worked with New Leaf Theatre since its beginnings, serving as resident dramaturg, ensemble and playwright.

RECKLESS by Craig Lucas

At home on Christmas Eve, Rachel is informed by her husband that he has hired a hit man to kill her, and she must flee for her life. She meets and joins up with Lloyd Bophtelopti, a true "original" who lives with a paraplegic named Pooty. Rachel then begins a series of escapades involving numerous psychiatrists and eventually, an ill-fated reunion with her husband. "Mixing fantasy with realism, *RECKLESS* is about a mystery at the center of human existence. Is life a series of random, cruel events, or does everything happen for a reason? The journey of this play shows that the truth is a little of both. Tragic, horrible things just happen and keep happening for no reason. Ultimately, however, life gives us a chance for growth and redemption," says Ray.

RECKLESS CAST

The following Chicago actors make up the cast for *RECKLESS*: Erin Shelton (Rachel), Christian Heep (Tom, Tom Junior, Man in Ski Mask), Bill Hyland (Lloyd), Marsha Harman (Pooty), Alex Previterra (Roy, First Doctor, Tim Timko, Third Doctor), Catherina Kusch (Trish, Fourth Doctor, Talk Show Host, Receptionist), Chris Conley (Second Doctor, Sixth Doctor), Erin Ensign (Fifth Doctor, Sue, Woman Patient)

PERFORMANCES

RECKLESS by Craig Lucas directed by Brandon Ray previews Wednesday, October 15th at 8:00pm offering \$5.00 admission and opens Thursday, October 16, 2003 and runs through Saturday, November 22, 2003 at the Lincoln Park Cultural Center – 2045 N. Lincoln Park West, Chicago. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$10.00 general admission and \$8.00 for senior citizens and students with ID. Reservations can be made in advance at 773-463-2575 or at newleaftheatre@hotmail.com.

New Leaf Theatre is committed to immersing both audience and players in the passion and intimacy of live performance and story telling through the exploration of new and lesser-produced works looking at the beauty in human existence by examining the soul and opening up to revelation.

NEW LEAF THEATRE

Bill Hyland –
Executive Director
Brandon Ray –
Artistic Director
Morgan Leavitt –
Artistic Associate
Tanya Ray –
Managing Director
Lisa Baney –
Board President

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NEW LEAF THEATRE'S *RECKLESS FACT SHEET*

THEATRE:

Lincoln Park Cultural Center – 2045 North Lincoln Park West

DATES:

October 16, 2003 through November 22, 2003

DESCRIPTION:

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SCHEDULE:

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm

PREVIEW:

Wednesday, October 15th at 8:00pm

PERFORMANCES:

Wednesday	10/15/03	8:00 pm	Preview
Thursday	10/16/03	8:00 pm	Opening
Friday	10/17/03	8:00 pm	
Saturday	10/18/03	8:00 pm	
Thursday	10/23/03	8:00 pm	
Friday	10/24/03	8:00 pm	
Saturday	10/25/03	8:00 pm	
Thursday	10/30/03	8:00 pm	
Friday	10/31/03	8:00 pm	
Saturday	11/1/03	8:00 pm	
Thursday	11/6/03	8:00 pm	
Friday	11/7/03	8:00 pm	
Saturday	11/8/03	8:00 pm	
Thursday	11/13/03	8:00 pm	
Friday	11/14/03	8:00 pm	
Saturday	11/15/03	8:00 pm	
Thursday	11/20/03	8:00 pm	
Friday	11/21/03	8:00 pm	
Saturday	11/22/03	8:00 pm	Closing

TICKET PRICES:

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