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Approx Run Time: 86 minutes ♦ No Intermission ♦ Hank Stratton, Director ♦ (520) 621.3350 ♦ hstratton@email.arizona.edu

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UA's Arizona Repertory Theatre presents *Doubt, A Parable* by Award-Winning Playwright John Patrick Shanley directed by Hank Stratton

TUCSON, AZ – UA's Arizona Repertory Theatre brings the brilliantly crafted work of John Patrick Shanley to the stage in this compelling story that challenges audiences to question their own sense of certainty.

Doubt, A Parable is set in the Bronx in 1964 and centers on a characteristically mistrusting nun, Sister Aloysius. She is certain that Father Flynn has molested Donald Muller, the school's first "negro" student, soon after his arrival to the school. The story is further complicated by the younger and more tender-hearted, Sister James, who wants to believe another story.

"Shanley has constructed an air-tight evening that exposes our current culture of debate and forces us to meet it eye to eye," explained Hank Stratton, UA Theatre Professor and director. Stratton went on to say that Shanley "gives us a chance to confront our own ideas of certainty, humanity, assumptions, predators and prey, and what happens when we are forced to simultaneously defend and confront a changing cultural landscape."

Doubt, A Parable earned honors as a Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize winning play in 2005. Shanley is known for his impressive list of plays including recent works, *Outside Mullingar*, *Prodigal Son* and *The Portuguese Kid*. Shanley also received an Academy Award for Best Screenplay for the film, *Moonstruck*.

See Tomorrow's Stars Today at Arizona Repertory Theatre explore fraught issues of race, sexuality, tradition versus modernity, and gender that continue to resonate today.

(Visit theatre.arizona.edu for show summary, press kit, ticket information and more.)

Dates & Times:

Previews: Feb 4 at 1:30pm, Feb 5 at 7:30pm

Evenings: Feb 7-10, Feb 15-17, Feb 23-24 at 7:30pm

Matinees: Feb 11, Feb 17-18, Feb 25 at 1:30pm

Place: Marroney Theatre on the UA campus located near the SE corner of Park Avenue and Speedway Boulevard.

Cost/Admission: Regular \$28, Senior/UA Employee/Military \$26, Student \$15, Preview \$17, Alumni discount \$6 off qualifying rate | Deeper discounts apply to groups (other than students) numbering 10+. UA Student Rush 30 minutes before each performance is \$10 cash only for available seats (must show CatCard).

Ticket Information: UA Fine Arts Box Office, (520) 621-1162
12p-4p | M-F | theatre.arizona.edu | tftv.arizona.edu | tickets.arizona.edu

Parking: Park Avenue Garage, located on Park Avenue just north of Speedway Blvd. Pre-paid parking is available for weekday evening performances. Saturday and Sunday there is no charge to park. If you have special needs for parking, please call UA Parking & Transportation Services at (520) 621-3550.

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