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## **“RLTP Presents the World Premiere of Melody Von Smith’s *BONEGRINDERS*”**

**BUFFALO, NY** – RLTP’s second New Play Workshop selection of the season, the world premiere of Melody Von Smith’s *BONEGRINDERS*, will open Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*BONEGRINDERS* is the **story of a war journalist who returns home after his best friend/fellow journalist has been killed**. His odd behavior and an unexpected letter from the dead man serve as catalysts in this **witty drama** about how we get by in the **aftermath of war**.

The show will star **Joe Wiens, Kate LoConti, Jennifer Linch, Arianna Boykins, Tim Eimiller, Bob Grabowski, and Peter Jaskowiak**. It will be directed by Kyle LoConti.

**Performances will run from February 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 16<sup>th</sup>** at the following show times: **Thursdays through Saturdays at 8:00 PM and Sundays at 2:00 PM**.

**RLTP now offers Under 30 tickets for \$15, Student tickets for \$10. Our New Talk-back Thursdays are \$5 for Students**. General admission tickets are \$25; senior tickets are available for \$20. Special rates are also available for groups of 10 or more.

Melody Von Smith is an environmental chemist, and though *BONEGRINDERS* is her first produced play, she has a long history of writing novels, short stories, and television.

She also has **twelve years experience as a journalist comprising investigative reporting, science writing, and interviewing**. Notable credits include *Smithsonian Magazine*, Honorable Mention in the 2004 *Writer’s Digest Competition (Short Story)*, First Place in the 2001 *San Diego Writer’s Monthly Writing Contest*, and selection as a finalist in the 2002 Dana and Edgar Awards.

As a journalist herself, the plight and motives of individuals who put their own lives in danger for the sake of a news broadcast intrigued her. **In researching the biographies and writings of this disregarded and misrepresented group of underdogs, Von Smith was struck repeatedly first by their gutsy grace and second by their repeated stories, confirming the amazing resilience of humanity**. *BONEGRINDERS* is a celebration of all that.

Scott Behrend and Jon Elston founded Road Less Traveled Productions in 2002. Its mission is to develop and produce original dramas by local playwrights.

Road Less Traveled Productions is very thankful for the support of their show sponsor **Columbus McKinnon Corporation** and their Media Sponsor **WBFO**. This performance is made possible with public funds from the **New York State Council on the Arts**, a state agency.

The Road Less Traveled Theater is located in **the Market Arcade Film & Arts Centre, 639 Main Street**, in the heart of Buffalo’s theatre district, across from Shea’s.

For information and reservations, please visit [www.roadlesstraveledproductions.org](http://www.roadlesstraveledproductions.org) or **call the box office at (716) 629-3069**. Also check out RLTP’s myspace page at [www.myspace.com/RLTPbuffalo](http://www.myspace.com/RLTPbuffalo).

**RLTP’s box office has moved!** It is now located next to the concession stand inside the Market Arcade. Secure parking is available on Washington Street and the price of parking will be refunded at the Box Office with a valid parking stub.

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