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MOXIE and Shakti Rising Unite for One Epic Evening of Life-Changing Theatre

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(San Diego, CA) What can you buy for \$10? A movie ticket? A mediocre lunch? A quarter of a tank of gas? On February 20, 2009, MOXIE Theatre and Shakti Rising are offering the community a life-changing experience...for \$10. The night before the opening of MOXIE's West Coast Premiere of ***The Sugar Syndrome*** they'll perform for an audience of VIPs who won't be writing reviews or giving awards. Our VIPs are the Apprentices of Shakti Rising, a group of powerful young women ages 15-30 who are recovering from the very same things the play delves into, issues like addiction, eating disorders and sexual abuse. For one night these two organizations will come together as audience and performers to break down the barriers of social taboo and talk about the unmentionable, but they need the support of the community to pull it off. MOXIE Theatre is a non-profit organization and can't afford to give away tickets and Shakti Rising is a non-profit organization which can't afford to spend money on a theatre outing as the economy begins to shrink the pool of donors to support their vital programming. Our organizations are calling on the public to join them on the evening of February 20th and to purchase an additional ticket for one of the women of Shakti Rising. Tickets are only \$10 but the evening will be an invaluable learning experience that the public, especially parents of young women, can't afford to miss.

MOXIE decided to produce ***The Sugar Syndrome***, a bravely provocative comedy which delves into the heart of compulsive behavior and addiction, despite their best business sense which told them a light musical would definitely make more money and draw a bigger audience. "Our mission is to create more diverse and honest images of women for our culture and ***The Sugar Syndrome*** does that. It's brave, provocative and under-produced which is just what we look for in a play" says MOXIE co-founder and director of ***The Sugar Syndrome*** Jennifer Eve Thorn. "This play deserves an audience and we're aware that the audience who will connect to the play on the most profound level may never choose to see it, so we're taking it to them, free of charge. When the lights go up at the end of the show we will begin perhaps the most powerful post-show discussion ever experienced at MOXIE".

"The February 20th performance of ***The Sugar Syndrome*** will enable Shakti Rising Apprentices and audience members to connect with different aspects of their experiences, and through post-show discussion connect personal stories to larger social issues," says Shakti Rising's Founder and Visionary Director Shannon Thompson. "This collaboration with MOXIE demonstrates Shakti Rising's commitment to community partnerships, women's issues, and activism. We invite you to join us."

To learn more about how you can support this event and participate please contact Jennifer Eve Thorn at 760-809-2810 or jen@moxietheatre.com

To purchase tickets for February 20th (or any other performance during the run February 14 – March 8, 2009) visit www.moxietheatre.com or call 858-598-7620. Preview performances (Feb 14, 15, 29 & 20) are \$10 Opening Night Feb 21 is \$35 and General admission is \$25

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WHO'S WHO

Lucy Prebble (Playwright) Prebble's first full-length play, *THE SUGAR SYNDROME* opened at the Royal Court Theatre Upstairs on October 20th 2003 directed by Marianne Elliot. Lucy is the creator of the series *SECRET DIARY OF A CALL GIRL*, starring Billie Piper in the main role. She is currently writing a stage play for Headlong Theatre Company inspired by the Enron debacle. She is also adapting Jane Austen's epistolary novella *LADY SUSAN* for Celador Films and BBC 4. Lucy won the prestigious George Devine Award 2004 for her outstanding debut play *THE SUGAR SYNDROME* in May 2004, followed by the TMA Award for Best New Play in October 2004. She also won the 2004 Critics' Circle Award for Most Promising Playwright. Lucy was also nominated for the Most Promising Newcomer Award at the Olivier Awards 2004, shortlisted for The Susan Smith Blackburn Award 2003 and nominated for the prestigious Evening Standard Charles Wintour Most Promising Playwright Award 2003. Lucy is now under commission to both the National Theatre and the Royal Court Theatre and her work is already attracting considerable stateside attention.

Jennifer Eve Thorn (Director) (Associate Artistic Director and Marketing Director for MOXIE) Jennifer is a director, actress and a playwright. Recent directing credits for MOXIE Theatre include *Victoria Martin Math Team Queen* (Patte Award for Outstanding Direction) *Devil Dog Six* (with Esther Emery) (San Diego Critic's Circle Award for Best New Play), *Fall, Dog Act* (with Delicia Turner Sonnenberg). Assistant Directing credits include *Story Theatre* (North Coast Rep Theatre with David Ellenstein), *Kimberly Akimbo* (6th at Penn Theatre/MOXIE Theatre with Delicia Turner Sonnenberg), *Othello* (San Diego Women's Rep with Delicia Turner Sonnenberg), *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* (San Diego Rep Theatre with Todd Salovey). She studied directing with Clair Davidson at the College of Santa Fe in New Mexico. Jennifer was seen on stage in recent MOXIE productions *Bleeding Kansas*, *The Treatment*, *Wet* and *Pulp*. Other San Diego acting credits include *Antigone* (6th at Penn Theatre), *Of Mice and Men* (Renaissance Theatre), *Breaking Legs* (North Coast Rep), *Sight Unseen* (North Coast Rep), *Stop Kiss* (San Diego Women's Rep), *Curious Dangerous* (Fritz Blitz), *Taming of the Shrew* (Eveoke Dance Theatre) and *Details* (Playwrights Project). Playwriting credits include *Mrs. Frank's Third Grade Class Presents*, and the adaptation of *A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers* for Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation.

MOXIE Theatre is a professional non-profit theatre founded by the critically acclaimed group of performers and directors; Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, Jennifer Eve Thorn, Jo Anne Glover and Liv Kellgren. The mission of MOXIE Theatre is to expand the idea of what is feminine by using the intimate art of theatre to create more honest and diverse female images for our culture.

Shakti Rising Shakti Rising is an innovative nonprofit organization working to create large scale social change by providing holistic, empowerment-based programs that facilitate individual and community transformation. Our work actively promotes community well-being by creating woman and child friendly societies that are safe, healthy, vibrant, diverse, sustainable and culturally alive. Our mission is to empower young women to uncover, rediscover, and reclaim their whole selves. For more information about Shakti Rising, please visit www.shaktirising.org or call 619-501-2746.

The Sugar Syndrome

FACT SHEET

WHAT: **MOXIE Theatre** presents
The Sugar Syndrome
 BY LUCY PREBBLE

WHERE: The Diversionary Theatre
 4545 Park Blvd. San Diego Ca 92116

WHO: Written by **Lucy Prebble**
 Directed by **Jennifer Eve Thorn**
 Featuring: **Rachael Van Wormer, Sean Cox, Jesse Allen Moore and Terri Park.**

DATES: **Shakti Rising Night February 20, 2009**
 Previews: February 14 –February 20, 2009
Opens: Saturday February 21, 2009 8 PM
 Closes: March 8, 2009 2pm

SCHEDULE:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
FEB 9	10	11	12	13	FEB 14 1 st preview *8pm	15 2 nd Preview *2pm
16	17	18	19 3 rd Preview *8pm	20 4 th Shakti Rising Night	21 Opening Night **8pm	22 Mothers of Daughters Matinee 2pm
* Friday Performances and Previews are \$15						
23	24	25	26 8pm \$15 Girlfriend Night	27 8pm	28 8pm	March 1 2pm
2	3	4	5 8pm \$15	6 8pm	7 8pm	8 2pm Closing
* Girlfriend Night Free food and wine...bring your girlfriends!						
* Tickets are only \$10						

PRICES: **Opening Night \$35.00
 Friday, Saturday, Sunday \$25.00
 *Previews \$10.00
 EVERY THURSDAY \$15.00

DISCOUNTS: Seniors, Students, Military, AASD \$20.00

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