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## **Pillsbury House Theatre opens their 24<sup>th</sup> Season with a morbidly funny new play that raises a number of timely questions**

Minneapolis, MN—Pillsbury House Theatre presents the area premiere of *Death Tax* by Lucas Hnath, **March 6 – April 5, 2015**. Making their Pillsbury House Theatre debuts are director **Hayley Finn** and Twin Cities theatre veteran **Wendy Lehr**. The cast also includes **Tracey Maloney** (*The Pride; Blackbird; [sic]*), **Clarence Wethern** (*The Pride*), and **Regina Marie Williams** (*the road weeps, the well runs dry; Pa's Hat*).

A suspenseful and captivating dark comedy, *Death Tax* takes a sharp look at the tensions between family and money, life and death. Weeks before the New Year (and with it, the new estate tax), the wealthy but declining Maxine is convinced that her estranged daughter is bribing Nurse Tina to expedite her demise. So Maxine makes an enticing offer of her own that puts Nurse Tina at a moral crossroads. If Maxine is still alive come January 1, she will give Nurse Tina a substantial under-the-table bonus that could reunite her with her son in Haiti. But if Maxine's daughter or one of the other nurses catches them, they'll both lose everything they hold dear.

*Death Tax* premiered at the Humana Festival of New Plays in 2012, and was awarded a 2013 Steinberg/ATCA New Play Award Citation. The *Chicago Sun-Times* applauded the play saying it "confirms Hnath's shrewd intelligence, his flair for modern theatrical game-playing, his dark sense of humor and his whip-smart sense of character."

*Death Tax* plays March 6 – April 5, 2015, at Pillsbury House Theatre, 3501 Chicago Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 3:00 pm. All tickets are pick-your-price (regular price = \$25), and available at [pillsburyhousetheatre.org](http://pillsburyhousetheatre.org), 612-825-0459, or 612-787-3622 (for group sales).

**Free child care**, provided by the staff of Pillsbury Early Education Center, is available for the 7:30 pm performance on March 13 and the 3:00 pm performance on March 22. **Audio-description** will be available for the 7:30 pm performance on March 27. **American Sign Language** interpretation will be available for the 7:30 pm performance on March 28. **Post-show discussions** with our community partner will be held after several performances, to be determined.

### **CALENDAR LISTINGS**

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## **ABOUT PILLSBURY HOUSE THEATRE**

From the Mainstage series to Chicago Avenue Project and Naked Stages to the Power of Our Voices teen ensemble, **PILLSBURY HOUSE THEATRE** brings audiences closer—to the edge, to the actors, to affordable, adventurous theatre, to fellow audience members, and to a strong community. Now in its 24<sup>th</sup> season, Pillsbury House Theatre is proud to be a professional theatre unlike any other. In partnership with Pillsbury United Communities, one of the largest human services organizations in the state, Pillsbury House Theatre demonstrates that the highest quality art is an integral part of all healthy communities, winning awards for theatre across the metro while also inspiring choice, change, and connection through raw, intimate drama. [pillsburyhousetheatre.org](http://pillsburyhousetheatre.org).

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