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RAW & GRIPPING, *BLOOD KNOT* COMES TO PILLSBURY HOUSE THEATRE

James A. Williams & Stephen Yoakam to Star in Athol Fugard's Masterpiece

MINNEAPOLIS, MN—From May 17 – June 16, 2019, Pillsbury House Theatre will produce Athol Fugard's *Blood Knot*, a parable of two brothers who share a one-room shack near Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Equally important today as it was at the time of its 1961 premiere, *Blood Knot* is a poignant, piercing metaphor for racial tension, powerfully acted by James A. Williams and Stephen Yoakam.

"For over a decade, Marion McClinton, James Williams and Stephen Yoakam have dreamed of working on *Blood Knot* together. This season, Pillsbury House Theatre is honored to lay the stage for that dream to become reality."

– Faye Price, Pillsbury House Theatre Co-Artistic Director

More info:

BLOOD KNOT

By Athol Fugard

Directed by Stephen DiMenna

Creative Consultation by Marion McClinton

Starring James A Williams and Stephen Yoakam

May 17 – June 16

Wednesdays – Saturdays at 7:30 PM

Sundays at 3 PM

Athol Fugard's early masterpiece *Blood Knot* is an unflinching exploration of race, apartheid and the complicated nature of family. At the time of its 1961 premiere, *Blood Knot* was the first South African play to be produced with an interracial cast. The play follows Morris and Zachariah, brothers divided by skin color but bound by blood, as they navigate poverty, love, and their relationship to one another. Featuring James A. Williams and Stephen Yoakam, two of the Twin Cities' most beloved actors, *Blood Knot* is a tour de force of raw and honest emotion. Masterfully written and powerfully acted, *Blood Knot* turns an unblinking eye on the underbelly of our humanity.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at pillsburyhousetheatre.org or by calling the Box Office at (612) 825 - 0459.

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 28th year, the theatre continues to inspire choice, change, and connection through raw, intimate drama. Pillsbury House Theatre is proud to be a professional theatre unlike any other. An integral part of 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 enduring change toward a just society. www.pillsburyhouseandtheatre.org.

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