

Passage

T H E A T R E C O M P A N Y

LOVE AND COMMUNICATION

Written by James J. Christy
Directed by Adam Immerwahr

"Mr. Christy has a real gift for contemporary, insightful, darkly funny dialogue that reflects believable human interaction." – Anita Gates, NY Times July, 2006

(Trenton, J) , Passage Theatre presents *Love and Communication*, a new play by Princeton resident James J. Christy that addresses the public and private struggles that come with confronting and treating autism. A married couple finds themselves in a byzantine world of internet gurus, school administrators, ethically-challenged teachers and one another in their efforts to help their child.

This surprising, sharp and witty play by Princeton resident James J. Christy is an incisive look at marriage, parenthood and the lengths we'll go to reach the ones we love. While the play involves a timely topic that affects an increasing number of families in New Jersey, it also reflects deeper and broader themes applicable to everyone.

Love and Communication runs October 7th – 24th, Thur – Sun at the Mill Hill Playhouse, at 205 E. Front Street in downtown Trenton. Tickets are \$20 - \$30. For more information, call the Passage Theatre Company at (609) 392-0766 or go to www.passagetheatre.org.

The cast includes **John Jezior, Ashley B. Spearman, Tom Saporito, Chris Stack and Julianna Zinkel.**

Autism in New Jersey

New Jersey has the highest rates of autism of any state in the country. School districts across the state are struggling with how to care for children with special needs in the face of rising costs and public outcry over property taxes. Many parents of children with autism across the state find that the most important step in securing the appropriate education for their child is to hire a lawyer.

About Passage Theatre

Passage Theatre opens its 24th season with *Love and Communication*. Passage specializes in developing and producing adventurous new plays that entertain and challenge a diverse audience. Our commitment to community includes special programs for the young people of Trenton, their families, and local artists.

About James J. Christy

James J. Christy's first full-length play *Never Tell* was produced by Broken Watch Theatre Company in August 2006 and was published by Playscripts Inc. in April 2007. His short play *Creep* won the Actors Theater of Louisville's Heideman Award for best short play in 2001. His play *A Great War* was part of the Phoenix New Works Conference in July 2010. *Love and Communication* was selected for PlayPenn Playwrights conference in July 2010. *Love and Communication* is dedicated to the playwright's son Jimmy and to the parents and professionals who help children with autism.