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**Southern Rep**  
*in association with The NOLA Project*  
presents a world premiere comedy  
**WITH A BANG**

**PLUS!**  
**A FREE screening of NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD: REANIMATED**

*New Orleans* — Southern Rep, in association with The NOLA Project, presents the World Premiere of **WITH A BANG** by Pete McElligott, directed by Aimée Hayes. The production runs **March 24<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. Opening night is Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Performances continue Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. **Tickets are on sale now** from \$20 - \$35 and may be purchased at (504) 522-6545 or *www.SouthernRep.com*.

WITH A BANG is a ridiculously absurd, terrifyingly comedic tale penned by NOLA Project member, Pete McElligott. Our young heroine, Margaret, finds out that her father has died...again. When she's confronted by one very awkward messenger who vehemently denies being an angel, Margaret realizes she must take on her father's mission – to save the world. This brand-new piece, featuring members of the much ballyhooed NOLA Project, is sure to be an exhilarating ride!

Southern Rep... *continues to provide top-notch productions of contemporary plays that challenge and entertain.*  
— *Gambit Weekly*

The NOLA Project has been called ... *brash, daring and a youthful, live-wire theater company*  
— *The Times Picayune*

**PLUS A FREE EVENT!** We're celebrating our foray into the genre of live-action thriller with an Animated Horror Event that's sure to give you thrills and chills... on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31st at 7pm** Southern Rep and the NOLA Project present a **FREE screening of NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD: REANIMATED**, a collaborative artistic mash-up of George Romero's cult classic. Nearly 150 International artists and animators chose their favorite scenes and re-envisioned them through their own artwork, with no restrictions on style, media or process – resulting in a sprawling eclectic 'art show' interpretation of the seminal 1968 film, all placed over the original's audio. With work ranging from oil paintings to comic illustrations and sock puppets to CGI and stop-motion – NOTLD:R not only pays the respect due this most important work in horror history, but encourages viewers to experience the film brand new light that bursts with the humor and horror of a new generation of artists. **Admission: Free, first come, first served. Cash bar.** For more information about the film, visit <http://wildeyereleasing.com/notldr.html>

**Southern Rep** celebrates its 23rd season as the region's premiere professional theatre, continuing to produce bold world and regional premieres under the artistic leadership of Aimée Hayes, with Managing Director, Marieke Gaboury. In addition to its exciting Mainstage offerings; Southern Rep continues to offer educational programs such as free student matinees, \$10 student rush tickets and Academy SRT; "Free Night of Theatre"; as well as providing an artistic home to new works in development in the *New Play Bacchanal*.

*Southern Rep continues to show that it is staging the most important, challenging, and downright mesmerizing pieces of theater New Orleans audiences are graced to experience.* - Theodore P. Mahne, *The Times-Picayune Lagniappe*

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**The NOLA Project** is a theatre company made up of actors inspired by the energy of New Orleans. While studying at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, Artistic Director Andrew Larimer assembled a company to create in New Orleans a theatre with the highest dramatic standards. The company enlisted the expertise of James Tripp, Head of Acting at the Stella Adler Studio of Acting in New York, to advise and direct for the company. Additional actors from New York and New Orleans actors were brought in to create a versatile stable of talented actors in New Orleans to produce with the highest standards the great classical and contemporary plays. The company's goal is to create a repertory theatre in New Orleans while developing ongoing theatrical relationships between New Orleans and the rest of the country and world. We also plan to create original works in New Orleans and tour them, bringing the New Orleans experience to the world.

**TICKETS AND LOCATION:** Regular ticket prices range from \$20-\$35: \$35 for Opening Night, Wednesday February 24 (includes post-performance reception); Individual tickets are \$26-\$29 with special discounts for students, seniors, K-12 teachers, active military, theatre professionals (with ID) and groups of ten or more. \$10 Student Rush tickets are available 15 minutes before curtain on a cash-only basis, with student ID. On the edge of the French Quarter, Southern Rep Theatre is conveniently located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Shops of Canal Place, where validated parking is available. For more information and to order tickets, call (504) 522-6545, or visit [southernrep.com](http://southernrep.com).

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