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Pasadena Playhouse Announces the Los Angeles Premiere of

Good Boys by Riverdale creator Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa May 29-June 23

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PASADENA, CA (March 28, 2019) - Pasadena Playhouse, the State Theater of California, announces the Los Angeles premiere of Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa's *Good Boys*, directed by Carolyn Cantor. The production is Aguirre-Sacasa's fresh and revisited look at his previous work, *Good Boys and True* (world premiere, Steppenwolf Theatre Company), and will play from Wednesday, May 29 through Sunday June 23; the press opening is June 2 at 5:00pm. The play is a riveting drama set at a private prep school - involving a model student in the mold of his father, a disturbing video tape, and the privileged family that is faced with difficult choices.

Agiurre-Sacasa has the unusual distinction of being a playwright (Manhattan Theatre Club, 2econd Stage, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, South Coast Rep), television writer (*Glee*, *Supergirl*, *Riverdale*, *Chilling Adventures of Sabrina*) and Marvel Comics author (*The Stand*, *Spider-Man*). He is also the Chief Creative Officer of Archie Comics.

Tickets for *Good Boys* are available online at PasadenaPlayhouse.org, by phone at 626-356-7529, and in person at the Pasadena Playhouse Box Office, 39 South El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101.

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Aguirre-Sacasa says, "The dramatic situations in this play are uncannily similar to

incidents and issues that we're *still* grappling with in this country—viscerally—even more so than when I first wrote *Good Boys*. In revisiting the play, I further explored themes like privilege, masculinity, and personal responsibility, as Brandon and Elizabeth find themselves on trial by their community and each other. *Good Boys* is a sort of 'moral thriller,' a game of cat and mouse between a mother and her son, with twists and turns that will keep you guessing about the truth right up to the end."

The New York Sun said of Good Boys and True (the previous incarnation of this work), "Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa has proven to be a natural entertainer. Actors like to sink their teeth into his dialogue, and his hard-charging stories proceed with the speed and verve of television. But he takes a leap forward with his latest drama, Good Boys and True, displaying a new deftness in layering troubling moral questions under a smooth, entertaining surface. The play goes down easy, but its aftertaste is sharp."

Bloomberg.com called Good Boys and True, "a craftily constructed, psychologically astute, absorbing play that harbors claws the fiercest feline could envy."

ROBERTO AGUIRRE-SACASA (playwright) is an award-winning playwright, comic book writer, and screenwriter. Broadway credits include the musical version of *American Psycho* based on the classic novel by Bret Easton Ellis and the upcoming Broadway musical *Magic Mike*. Mr. Aguirre-Sacasa was also part of the team brought in to overhaul *Spider-man*: *Turn Off the Dark*. His many plays include *Abigail/1702* (NYS&F), *Good Boys and True* (2econd Stage Theatre and Steppenwolf Theatre), *Based on a Totally True Story* (MTC), *King of Shadows, The Mystery Plays, Dark Matters, and many others published by DPS*. Roberto is the Creator and Executive Producer of the television series *Riverdale* on the CW network and *Chilling Adventures of Sabina* on Netflix. Additional television credits include *Big Love, Looking, Glee*, and *Supergirl*. For MGM Films, he wrote new versions of both *Carrie* and *The Town that Dreaded Sundown*. He is Chief Creative Officer of Archie Comics.

CAROLYN CANTOR (director) is a New York based director of primarily new work. Off-Broadway credits include Sell/Buy/Date, Regrets and Pumpgirl (Manhattan Theatre Club); Indian Summer, Fly By Night, Great God Pan, After the Revolution (Callaway Award), Stone Cold Dead Serious (Playwrights Horizons); Arlington (Vineyard Theatre); In a Dark Dark House (MCC Theater); Something You Did (Primary Stages); The Talls (Second Stage); Core Values (Ars Nova); Orange Flower Water, Living Room in Africa, Now That's What I Call A Storm and Life is a Dream (Edge Theater), and EVE-olution (Cherry Lane). Regionally her work has been seen in THEO (Two River), Sell/Buy/Date and Rabbit Hole (Geffen, Garland Award), The Violet Hour (Old Globe), After the Revolution, Not Waving and King Stag (Williamstown Theatre Festival), Vera Laughed and Get What You Need (NYS&F), Diary of Anne Frank (Papermill) and many others. She has developed work at the O'Neill Playwrights Conference, the Oiai Playwrights Conference, the Sundance Theater Lab, Steppenwolf, the Goodman Theater, OSF and NYS&F. Carolyn has received the Seldes/Kanin Award from the Theatre Hall of Fame, the Boris Sagal and Bill Foeller Fellowships from WTF and a Drama League Directing Fellowship. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College, a member of SDC and the mother of two daughters

ABOUT THE PASADENA PLAYHOUSE -- The Pasadena Playhouse is a place where people have gathered for 100 years to experience bold and important theater. It is one of the most prolific theaters in American history with a legacy of profound

theatrical impact and courageous new work. In 1937, the Playhouse was officially recognized as the State Theater of California for its contribution and commitment to the dramatic arts. Today it continues that tradition of excellence under the helm of producing artistic director Danny Feldman. Dedicated to enriching lives through theater, community programs and learning initiatives, Pasadena Playhouse is a living force in the community.

Calendar Listing for Good Boys by Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa

Venue: The Pasadena Playhouse, 39 South El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, CA

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Dates: Wednesday, May 29 to Sunday, June 23

Press opening Sunday, June 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Performance Schedule:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m; Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. No performances on Saturday, June 8 due to the annual Playhouse Block

Party

Tickets Prices start at \$25

Online -- PasadenaPlayhouse.org

By phone at 626-356-7529

In person -- Pasadena Playhouse Box Office, located at 39 South El

Molino Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

Information: For more information on all productions at Pasadena Playhouse visit

PasadenaPlayhouse.org.

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