

Subject: Bodega Theatre Co. presents LIGHT SENSITIVE
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SPIRITED THEATER GROUP ACTS OUT IN WEST SONOMA COUNTY
Light Sensitive starts June 2

Bodega, California (May 16, 2005) -- Two damaged souls reveal the essence of unconditional love in *Light Sensitive*, a production of the Bodega Theatre Company beginning June 2 at Theatre in the Casino, Bodega, California. The show continues Fridays and Saturdays through June 25. Attendees will be captivated by the compelling story line, delighted with the intimate theatre, and impressed by the talented cast.



Edna Miles (actor Susana Crofton) menaces Tom Hanratty (Dan Vanek) in *Light Sensitive*.

Written by Jim Geoghan, *Light Sensitive* is a story of acceptance, tenacity, love and redemption set in the Hell's Kitchen district of New York City. Actor/comedienne Susana Crofton was instrumental in bringing the script to the Bodega Theatre Company. "I was drawn to the comedic, but tender nature of the script," said Crofton. "This story tickles the funny bone, yet deeply touches the heart." Sharp and sometimes profane, the dialogue cannot belie an underlying compassion shared by characters Edna Miles (Crofton), Tom Hanratty (Dan Vanek) and Lou D'Marco (Richard Heller).

Light Sensitive director Richard Track founded The Bodega Theatre Company in 1990 with Lee Rhoads, Priscilla Fields and Janey Hirsch. "The group arose out of a need for theatre in Bodega," says Track. "It's a small community so we're always looking for new members." Past productions include *It Had to Be You*, *Remain Seated* and *Day at the County*. Nicole Kamens and John Everett join Track and Vanek as current core members.

Plays were originally staged in the Bodega Fire Hall. In 1995, the Bodega Theatre Company developed Theatre in the Casino under the auspices of Evelyn Casini, owner of The Casino (est. 1949). Casini supported the project because she enjoys theatre. The playhouse is located behind the rustic bar and

restaurant in a room once used as an Italian dining room. Vanek, Track and Rhoads conducted the renovation. "It's the coolest theatre in Sonoma County," says Vanek. "If you like the show, have a drink. If you don't, have two or three." With three rows of tiered plush seating and comprehensive stage lighting, the venue provides a comfortable setting for theatergoers. The historic building was a general store for decades prior to becoming a bar and restaurant in 1939. Coincidentally, The Casino Bar is located within sight of the church and school that provided a memorable backdrop to Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*.

Theatre in the Casino is located in The Casino, 17150 Bodega Hwy (Hwy 12) in the town of Bodega (10 miles from downtown Sebastopol) in west Sonoma County.

Light Sensitive runs June 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 with all performances (some adult language) beginning at 8 PM. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for seniors over 65 or students). Call 707.776.8006 for reservations or visit www.BodegaTheatreCompany.com for more information.



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