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Clear Space Presents Another Doggone Good Show!

Join Andrew Criss on Sunday, August 20 as he brings CHESAPEAKE back to Clear Space Theatre in Rehoboth Beach for a single performance! First appearing on the Clear Space stage in 2016, this touching, one-man “dramedy” recounts the story of a grant-funded performance artist, a conservative politician, and the politician’s beloved Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Lucky. Written by Lee Blessing (A Walk in the Woods), CHESAPEAKE explores the interplay of the arts, politics and Luck(y) - and fetches up some wonderfully entertaining theater in the process!

Says Criss, “I am thrilled to be reprising my roles of artist, politician and – yes, dog! - at Clear Space! It’s a wonderful show - very funny, as well as very touching.” He adds, “CHESAPEAKE’s message is one that I love: People can change for the better. They can return to the good person they were always meant to be.” CHESAPEAKE explores issues such as the AIDS crisis, censorship of the arts and the fight for equality – but does so in the context of a dognapping that goes terribly wrong.

Criss describes the special appeal this particular play holds for him: “CHESAPEAKE is one of those shows which continues to resonate with me. I can certainly relate to the artist, who is also the narrator of this play. He moved from the south to the more liberal north in the 1990s, to finally be himself – just as I did, at the same age and time. And this play is about many of the things that interest me: committing to your dreams, making art despite the odds, politics, life in the mid-Atlantic, dogs and being the best human you can be.”

Adds David Button, Clear Space’s Artistic Director, “We are delighted that Andrew is reviving CHESAPEAKE for another Clear Space audience! This show is evocative and timely. Andrew is one hundred percent invested in every moment and stages things simply and innovatively. If you didn’t catch this performance last year at Clear Space, do not miss this opportunity!”

Chesapeake will be performed just once this season: 7:30 pm on Sunday, August 20. Tickets are \$17 - \$32, and may be purchased on-line at www.clearspacetheatre.org, or by calling the box office at 302-227-2270.