

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Brothers in Conflict

Brutal and sometimes disturbingly funny

Profile Theater opens the final play of the current Sam Shepard season, *True West*. Performances begin Thursday, Nov. 6 and run through Nov. 23 on the Alder Stage at Artists Repertory Theatre, 1515 S.W. Morrison St.

True West follows a few tumultuous days in the lives of brothers Lee and Austin, examining their relationship as they manage fraternal conflicts through brutal, and sometimes disturbingly funny, means.

Many critics see this work as one of the award-winning playwright's "family quintet" of plays. Profile Theater presented Shepard's other family dramas with a film screening of "Fool for Love" in 2013, staged readings of "A Lie of the Mind" in July, and "Curse of the Starving Class" in October, and a main stage production of "Buried Child" in June.



PHOTO BY DAVID KINDER

Nick Ferrucci and Ben Newman are brothers in conflict in "True West," a play by Sam Shepard at Profile Theatre, running Nov. 6-23.

In *True West*, Shepard let's us in the front door, past his own family, past memories of lost love, and directly into his own mind.

"It takes courage and vulnerability to put yourself so wholly up for

examination," says Profile Theatre Artistic Director Adriana Baer, said about Shepard.

For tickets, visit profiletheatre.org or call 503-242-0080.

Provocateur of Comedy

Three time Grammy and Emmy Award nominee Margaret Cho is coming to Portland as she tours the country with new material.

Always the agent provocateur of stand-up and never one to shy away from a difficult or even 'taboo' topic, Cho will be appearing at The Helium Comedy Club for

two shows nightly on Thursday, Nov. 6; Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8.

An American with Korean ancestry, Cho's socially aware brand of comedy has made her a thought leader as well as a teacher to those with open minds and open hearts.



Margaret Cho

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