

## M. T. Pockets presents dark comedy

### ‘Fuddy Meers’ set to open Wednesday

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M. T. Pockets Theatre Company offers the dark comedy “Fuddy Meers,” running Wednesday through Aug. 21. This production is recommended for mature audiences.

“Fuddy Meers” is a wild ride with “memory-challenged” Claire who wakes up the same way every morning: not knowing who she is or what she did the day before. She meets her loony husband Richard, who she doesn’t remember and Kenny, a drugged out 17-year-old 8th-grader (“We hope he graduates this year.”) who says he’s her son. Every day Claire cheerfully tries to put together the puzzle of her life. On this particular day, she’s about to find a few missing pieces.

A lispng, ski-masked Limping Man appears out of nowhere and kidnaps her. They travel to the house of her mother, Gertie, a strokevictim with a speech impediment who desperately tries to protect Claire from her true past which, despite the best efforts of some people, is beginning to become clear. Add in Millet, an exjanitor with a foulmouthed sock puppet and Heidi, a suspicious lady-cop and the day speeds toward its bizarre conclusion.

The M. T. Pockets cast includes Angela Lacey-McCracken (Claire), Cliff Wilson (Richard), James Jackson (Kenny), Jeffrey Northey (Limping Man), Melissa Schmidt (Gertie), Patrick Cole (Millet), and Fran Hofer (Heidi). The production is directed by Toni Morris and Patrick Cole.

“Fuddy Meers” first premiered at the Manhattan Theatre Club on Oct. 12, 2000. Newsday declared it “American-gothic-outlaw-absurdist-nightmare-farce.” Playwright David Lindsay-Abaire, recipient of the 2001 Kesselring Prize for Playwriting, has since gained momentum with acclaimed productions of his “Snow Angel,” “A Devil Inside” and “Wonder of the World.”

Tickets to “Fuddy Meers” are \$12 for general public, \$10 for senior citizens and \$7 for students. Curtain time each night is 8 p.m. The M. T. Pockets Theatre is located at 235 Spruce St., beside Morgantown Florist, and is an intimate venue and many performances sell out.

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