

Press Release

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STUDIO C ARTISTS presents
THE MILK MEETINGS
MARCH 14TH - APRIL 18TH

Hollywood, CA: Studio C Artists announces the Los Angeles premiere of Author **Blaire Baron Larsen**'s new play, ***THE MILK MEETINGS***, directed by **John Coppola**, and produced by **Michael Sonntag**. The show opens Saturday, March 14th, 2015, continuing on eight dates through April 18th. Saturday performances start at 8:00PM; Wednesday "Mommy Matinees" start at 2:00PM, at the Studio C Artists performance space along Theatre Row in Hollywood.

THE MILK MEETINGS is a brand new dramedy adapted for Studio C Artists - When new mothers behave badly inside a politically correct breastfeeding support group, sometimes a baby sling isn't the only support needed! The play stars (in alphabetical order) Torrie Bogda, Emily Button, Liberty Cordova, Ida Darvish, and Rochelle Leffler. More details and cast/crew bios and pics are available on the show website - milkmeetings.studiocartists.com.

Blaire Baron Larsen, a 4th generation Los Angeleno, began acting professionally at 18 (her first speaking role was on the final episode of *Happy Days*). Blaire studied at NYU and with Gerlandine Page, performing on/off Broadway at The Roundabout, Ensemble Studio Theater, Playwrights Horizons, Manhattan Theatre Club and The New School (NYU). Blaire enjoys a full career, having appeared in over 50 films and television shows. In 2014, Blaire's play *The Basket Weaver*, participated in the Samuel French OOB short Play Festival. *The Milk Meetings* is the sister play to *The Basket Weaver* and enjoys its premiere this March at Studio C Arts on Theatre Row in Hollywood. Blaire is also director and founder of [The Los Angeles Drama Club](#): a highly successful non-profit arts program for children 6 -17, where today she serves as Co-Artistic Director (with Julia Wyson) producing "Shakespeare Youth Festival, LA" and directing Shakespeare year-round.

Blaire has worked as an arts professional with Gay/Straight Alliance Clubs in local high schools, co-creating theatre pieces about student's experiences as LGBT teens. She wrote and produced the documentary *Women in Boxes* (2008) and has won numerous screenwriting festivals: Atlanta, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Nicholl (semifinal), Beverly Hills. In January 2014, PBS awarded Blaire's non-profit the honor of Community Champions. She and the Los Angeles Drama Club leaders were the focal point of a PBS special tribute.

John Coppola was born in Brooklyn, NY, and has had a multifaceted career as a director, producer, actor and teacher. He began his acting career over twenty years ago while attending Yale's prestigious Dramat Purple Crayon. He has appeared on Broadway numerous times (*Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *Biloxi Blues*, *American Buffalo*) and in films such as *Into the Paradise*, *Last Exit to Brooklyn*, *Out of Gas on Lover's Leap*, and *You Gotta Leave Your Mark*. As a director, John has helmed over 25 theatrical productions in New York, Los Angeles, and abroad. The movie *Possibility*, which he directed, took the 2005 Grand Jury Prize for short film at the New York International Film and Video Festival. As part of Studio C Artists, John offers private coaching to a thriving group of students, established actors, and movie stars.

Michael Sonntag is a producer, casting director, and acting coach. Born and raised in St. Louis, MO, Michael began his career producing local evening news for NBC, after graduating from the University of Notre Dame. He has worked both in front of and behind the camera, in a wide range of positions - most recently, developing several films with his business partner, John Coppola. Their next project, *The Starfish Scream*, is slated for production later this year. To date, he has produced over 25 theatrical productions. Michael is also of the founding partners of Studio C Artists.

The running schedule for **THE MILK MEETINGS** is as follows: Saturdays, March 14th, 21st, & 28th and April 4th, 11th, & 18th at 8:00PM; Wednesdays, April 8th & 15th at 2:00PM. Wednesday performances will be "Mommy Matinees" - mothers with infants are welcome to bring their babies with them to the show. Approximate running time is 75 minutes. The ticket price is \$15.00 for early bird and \$20.00 for general admission (within 24 hours of the performance), and reservations can be made by visiting milkmeetings.studiocartists.com. Studio C Artists is located at 6448 Santa Monica Blvd., on Theatre Row, in Hollywood, CA.