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**FUGITIVE KIND'S OVATION AWARD-WINNING *THE PLIANT GIRLS* RETURNS TO THE STAGE**

**The 2014 Winner for Best Director & Best Playwriting is Back**

NOVEMBER 24, 2014 – This winter, the Ovation-award winning writer/director team of **Meghan Brown** and **Amanda McRaven** returns to the stage with a limited engagement of ***The Pliant Girls***. Presented at Burbank's Colony Theater, the production will run for five performances: January 8-11. Originally staged at the Elephant Theatre in Hollywood, **Fugitive Kind's** production was an audience favorite, receiving a total of **eight Ovation nominations**, including **Best Ensemble** and **Best Production (Intimate Theater)**. Produced by Grate Artists, Inc., this return engagement with an expanded cast offers new audiences a chance to experience the production in a larger venue before the company begins work on its next piece (also a Brown/McRaven/Fugitive Kind collaboration), to premiere at Bootleg Theater in spring 2015.

"In a world where girls are abducted and used as weapons in religious wars, where child brides are still married off to men three times their age, where a Columbia University student has to carry a mattress on her back in order to get her rape victim expelled – and where my alma mater, the esteemed University of Virginia, only acts on years of reported rapes when *Rolling Stone* publishes an exposé – in that world, we need this play," says Amanda McRaven, director of *The Pliant Girls* and Fugitive Kind's Artistic Director.

"Plays like this speak to this very moment in time, who we are as Americans, who we are as world citizens, and who we are together. Meghan Brown is one of a very few American playwrights who is able to write directly to our everyday experience and simultaneously transcend that very thing. At the end of the play, the character Philomena says, 'Isn't that what we're all fighting for? To someday look at ourselves and marvel at how happy we are despite everything that's happened?' Isn't it really? To get to the end of our lives or the middle of our lives or right now and say all of it, all of it was worth it? All the fear and the hope and the regret and the ecstasy – it all adds up to something inexplicably, painfully beautiful."

Founding company member **Mercedes Manning** adds, "Some people might think it's easier to be mad, it's easier to write ranting, angry plays, it's easier to say we're all doomed and we should give up now. For those exhausted by this narrative and looking for a light amidst all the dark, *The Pliant Girls* reminds the audience that we can, in fact, collectively choose compassion, hope, and forgiveness."

**Fugitive Kind** has been described as one of LA's most exciting new companies. Dedicated to "liveness, rigor and a collective structure," the group approaches theater as a truly immersive event. Expect robust storytelling, surprising humor, and a boldly crafted ensemble performance.

**FACT SHEET**

***The Pliant Girls***

**WHO:** Written by Meghan Brown (2014 Ovation Award Winner – Playwriting for an Original Play)  
Directed by Amanda McRaven (2014 Ovation Award Winner – Director of a Play)

Featuring: Robyn Buck (Arianna), Jennice Butler (Leta), Luis Carazo (Marcus), Rachel Grate (Kay – Ovation nominated), Sage Howard (Courtney – Ovation nominated), Mercedes Manning (Philomena), Matt Musgrove (Alexander), Tyler Seiple (Claude - Ovation nominated), Jim Senti (Kem), and Jason Vande Brake (Father/Dean)

Creative Team: Karyn Lawrence (lighting design), Jeanine Ringer (scenic design), Ray Salas (sound design), Rachel Stivers (costume design – Ovation Nominated)

Produced by Grate Artists, Inc.

**WHAT:** Fifty blood-stained brides seek refuge after murdering their husbands on their wedding night, but no one's eager to take them in. As Kay, Leta, Arianna, Courtney, and Philomena beg for their lives, their stories form a complex tapestry of contemporary sisterhood...and provide insight into the deaths of the men who stood in their way. Loosely based on *The Suppliants* by Aeschylus, *The Pliant Girls* is an unforgettable and haunting exploration of love, sexual politics, and the power of redemption.

**WHERE:** The Colony Theatre  
555 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Burbank, CA 91502

**WHEN:** FIVE PERFORMANCES ONLY: January 8-11, 2015

- Thursday, January 8 @ 8:00 PM
- Friday, January 9 @ 8:00 PM
- Saturday, January 10 @ 8:00 PM
- Sunday, January 11 @ 2:00 PM
- Sunday, January 11 @ 7:00 PM

**HOW**

**MUCH:** **\$45** (subject to change) **TIX & INFO:** (510) 647-2949 – [thepliantgirls.org](http://thepliantgirls.org) – [fugitivekind.org](http://fugitivekind.org)  
Discounts: \$40 tickets for groups of 8 or more; \$10 discount for students, veterans and seniors