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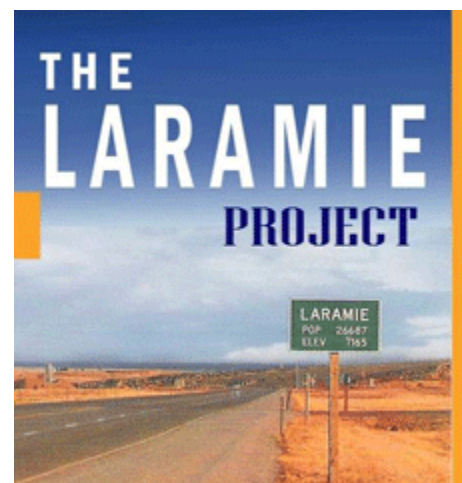
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**WEATHERVANE PLAYHOUSE HOSTS
 C-TEC THEATRE ARTS ACADEMY *THE LARAMIE PROJECT***

Newark, Ohio—The C-TEC Theatre Arts Academy is proud to present **The Laramie Project** written by Moisés Kaufmann and the members of the Tectonic Theatre Company. In October 1998, a gay college-student named Matthew Shepard was brutally murdered on the outskirts of Laramie, Wyoming. Five weeks later, Moisés Kaufman and fellow members of the Tectonic Theater Project went to Laramie, and over the course of the next year, conducted more than 200 interviews with people of the town. From these interviews they wrote a play which chronicles the life of the town in the year after the murder, **The Laramie Project**. As one of the most performed plays in America today, **The Laramie Project** uses a single story of a young gay man’s death to tell a much larger one: that America, for all its fortunes and power, still cannot escape the basic human conflicts, and tragedies, arising out of differences learned through fear and ignorance.

The cast will feature seniors David Sullivan (Heath), Katie Bledsoe and Corin Hale (Northridge), and juniors Marie Moorhead and Aleq Reese (Granville), Chasity Perkins (Utica), Chris Nester (Licking Valley), Steve Morris (Johnstown), and Brittany Gilmore (Northridge). The production is helmed by Tim Browning, Director of the C-TEC Theatre Arts Academy.



**WEATHERVANE
 PLAYHOUSE**

This landmark production marks the debut of an exciting collaboration between Weathervane Playhouse and C-TEC Theatre Arts Academy. Poised for a future renovation which includes climate control and necessary upgrades, Weathervane Playhouse will serve as the year-round home of the Academy. For more information please visit www.weathervaneplayhouse.org.

Performances:

All performances will take place at Weathervane Playhouse (100 Price Rd. Newark, OH 43055) in the Larry W. and Dawn Holt Anderson Children’s Theatre. Admission is free, and will include a talk-back with a panel of professionals. Student matinee performances: April 23rd and 24th at 10am. Public performances: April 23-24th at 7pm. April 25th at 2pm

To Make Reservations:

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