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Theatre la Tangente presents
AMERICANDREAM.CA 1
An original new work by Claude Guilmain
Trillium Book Award finalist in 2013 and recipient of the Émile Ollivier literary Award in 2013

Original and audacious, this first part of a trilogy, features video projections and choreographed movement. Presented at Theatre Glendon from June 3 to June 7, the show will be offered with English audio translation.

We are led to believe that happiness, like everything else, is a commodity that can be bought. But the American dream is a myth and in the case of the Cardinal family, disappointment is a heritage that has been passed on from generation to generation.

Americandream.ca is the story of three siblings, Alain, Maude and Claude Cardinal. Three baby-boomers who have gathered to celebrate Alain's 50th birthday along with his wife Pat and Maude's two adult children, Brigitte and Émilie. Six characters, each living a personal tragedy that only the spectators will witness.

Alain, Maude and Claude never knew their grandfather, Joseph Cardinal; he was always referred to in hushed tones as they grew up. And no one is really certain of when, where or even if he has died. The eventual discovery of their grand father's fate and his possible involvement in the events of November 22nd 1963, in Dallas, will have a very different effect on the paths Alain, Maude and Claude's lives will take.

Co-directed by **Claude Guilmain** and **Louise Naubert** (Louise is the recipient of the **2012 John Hirsch Director's Award**). Featuring **Geneviève Dufour, Magali Lemèle, Bernard Meney, Louise Naubert, Pier Paquette** et **Gisèle Rousseau**.

Set designer **Claude Guilmain**; Lighting Designer : **Guillaume Houët**; Visual effects, Co-set designer, Technicl director : **Duncan Appleton**; Soundscape and original music : **Claude Naubert**;; Choreography : **Sylvie Bouchard**; Photography and Stage management : **Aurélien Muller**; Photographer and Webmaster : **Mikaël Lavogiez**.

Claude Guilmain was inspired to write **AMERICANDREAM.CA** while shooting a documentary on the Van Doos in Afghanistan for the National Film Board (NFB) in 2011. The second chapter of the trilogy will be produced in 2015 and the third chapter in 2016.

AMERICANDREAM.CA 1, June 3rd to June 7, 2014 at 8PM

Théâtre Glendon | 2275, Bayview Ave., Toronto

Tickets: 20\$ to 35\$ | Purchase on line: www.americandream.ca/tix | www.americandream.ca