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A few days left to see J CITY Theater's "State of the Union"

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There's still time to see J CITY Theater's production of the Pulitzer Prize winning play "State of the Union" by Russel Crouse and Howard Lindsay at The Underground Theater in downtown Jersey City, 252 Ninth St. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Audiences are encouraged to reserve tickets due to limited seating and a limited run. The show is scheduled to close on Nov. 13.

"The American Voter is too lazy to vote in the primaries. And lazy people are not free people." And so begins the political education of a potential presidential candidate in Crouse and Lindsay's Pulitzer Prize-winning "State of the Union." This masterpiece script races at break-neck speed as the high-stakes campaign teaches a political novice about the necessities of ethical flexibility. Grant Matthews' exploration of the highest office in the land will require him to choose between his formidable wife and his politically-connected mistress. Back-room dealing has never been so charged.

Addressing issues of race, immigration, big business, labor unions, and campaign finance reform, this 1946 script is as fresh and relevant as today's Huffington Post.

"It is sobering and fascinating to read a 54-year-old script and realize that we are struggling with the same issues today," says J CITY's Artistic Director Sandy Cockrell. "The mark of truly great story telling is its ability to remain timeless. And, of course, the story of a man struggling with his own beliefs and integrity is as old as theater itself. "

J CITY Theater is once again supporting a local and emerging artist by converting the lobby into a gallery that will present an exhibition running in conjunction with the production. Curated by Hernando Rico Sanchez, the show will feature artworks from the recent Jersey City Arts Studio Tour. "I am very excited about the growth of the gallery and inspired by the challenges of curating a show that reflects and is inspired by the work on stage," says Mr. Sanchez. "I believe the result is a very vibrant arts space."

This production is a continuation of J CITY Theater's fifth season. Kellis Carroll, a founding member, says the company remains incredibly grateful to Father Vic Kennedy and everyone at St. Michaels for their continued generosity and support. By allowing us to create the Underground Theater, St. Michaels has enriched the community with a dynamic venue that presents main-stage theatrical productions, live music, and now a cutting edge art gallery. They have become a major contributor to Jersey City's thriving arts community.

Tickets for \$20 can be purchased through www.jcity.org or by calling (800)

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