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BY ONE WEEK, NOW THROUGH AUGUST 26**

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(*Minneapolis/St. Paul*)—The Guthrie Theater (Joseph Haj, Artistic Director) today announced that, due to popular demand, it will extend Karen Zacarias' *Native Gardens* by one week, now playing through August 26 on the McGuire Proscenium Stage. Single tickets start at \$34 and are on sale now through the Guthrie Box Office at 612.377.2224, toll-free 877.44.STAGE, 612.225.6244 (Group Sales) and online at guthrietheater.org.

The new comedy by Karen Zacarias, directed by Blake Robison, has garnered critical acclaim in the Twin Cities. The *Star Tribune* called it "the best stage comedy of the summer," while the *Pioneer Press* said it's "one of the funniest shows to hit the Guthrie stage in the last few seasons." *City Pages* called it "razor-sharp" and a "colorful 90-minute comedy," and "Aisle Say Twin Cities" said it "confronts issues of our time, but makes us laugh, too."

In *Native Gardens*, cultures and gardens clash, turning well-intentioned neighbors into feuding enemies. Pablo (Dan Domingues), a rising attorney, and doctoral candidate Tania (Jacqueline Correa), his very pregnant wife, have just purchased a home next to Frank (Steve Hendrickson) and Virginia (Sally Wingert), a well-established D.C. couple with a prize-worthy English garden. But an impending barbecue for Pablo's colleagues and a delicate dispute over a long-standing fence line soon spirals into an all-out border dispute, exposing both couples' notions of race, taste, class and privilege.

Native Gardens had its world premiere in January 2016 at Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. This is the first production of Zacarias' work at the Guthrie. This co-production of *Native Gardens* will next play at Washington, D.C.'s Arena Stage, September 15 – October 22.

THE GUTHRIE THEATER (Joseph Haj, Artistic Director) was founded by Sir Tyrone Guthrie in 1963 and is an American center for theater performance, production, education and professional training, dedicated to producing the great works of dramatic literature and to cultivating the next generation of theater artists. Under Haj's leadership, the Guthrie produces a mix of classic and contemporary plays on three stages, and continues to set a national standard for excellence in theatrical production and performance. In 2006, the Guthrie opened its new home on the banks of the Mississippi River in Minneapolis. Designed by

Pritzker Prize-winning architect Jean Nouvel, the Guthrie Theater houses three state-of-the-art stages, production facilities, classrooms, full-service restaurants and dramatic public lobbies. guthrietheater.org

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