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**FIRST WINNER OF NEW PRIZE,
THE YALE DRAMA SERIES,
TO HAVE READING AT YALE REP
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 7:30 PM**

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Yale Repertory Theatre will present a staged reading of John Austin Connolly's *The Boys from Siam*, directed by Liz Diamond, on Monday, October 1 at 7:30 PM. The reading will take place in the New Theater, located at 1156 Chapel Street in New Haven. Admission is free.

John Austin Connolly is the first winner of The Yale Drama Series, an annual playwriting competition hosted by Yale University Press and Yale Repertory Theatre to support emerging playwrights. Connolly, an Irish citizen living and writing in Dublin, is a retired clinical psychologist who received an MA in Script Writing from Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology in 2002. Connolly will attend the reading of his play by six professional actors under the direction of Liz Diamond, a resident director at Yale Repertory Theatre.

The Boys from Siam is inspired by the true story of conjoined twins Chang and Eng Bunker (1811-1874). Edward Albee, a Pulitzer Prize-winning dramatist and judge of The Yale Drama Series, praises *The Boys from Siam* as "a big, sprawling novel of a play, swinging back and forth between tight scenes of beautifully characterized engagement and bravura episodes."

The Yale Drama Series is open to playwrights from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Ireland. The winner receives the David C. Horn Prize of \$10,000 and publication of his or her manuscript by Yale University Press, as well as a reading produced by Yale Repertory Theatre. The Yale Drama Series is funded by generous support from the David Charles Horn Foundation.

The David Charles Horn Foundation was established in 2003 by Francine Horn to honor the memory of her late husband, David. David Horn was the publisher and CEO of Here and There, the preeminent international forecasting and reporting publication serving the fashion industry. In keeping with Mr. Horn's lifetime commitment to the written word, the David Charles Horn Foundation commemorates his aspirations and achievements by supporting new initiatives in the literary and dramatic arts.



Seating is limited and reservations are strongly suggested. To make a reservation, call (800) YSD-CUES or (800) 973-2837 (you will not receive a return phone call). For directions, visit www.yalerep.org.

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