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## Underground Railway Theater presents



September 10 – 20, 2009 Central Square Theater, Cambridge

Are women inherently inferior to men in math and science, as Lawrence Summers, then President of Harvard, suggested several years ago?

Writer/performer - and "recovering mathematician" - Gioia De Cari offers a woman's perspective on this question in *TRUTH VALUES: ONE GIRL'S ROMP THROUGH M.I.T.'S MALE MATH MAZE*, an autobiographical solo show coming to Cambridge's Central Square Theater in a limited engagement this fall.

In *TRUTH VALUES: ONE GIRL'S ROMP THROUGH M.I.T.'S MALE MATH MAZE*, Gioia De Cari shares her experiences in the exotic boys club of higher mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. While making the most of the comic absurdity of being pawed by nerds, being asked to serve cookies at a seminar, and retaliating with fashion experiments, *TRUTH VALUES* is also a serious exploration of the world of elite mathematics and the role of women in science. It is featured in this year's New York International Fringe Festival.

Performances will be followed by conversations with women in mathematics and science from MIT, Harvard, and beyond. Guests will relate Gioia's experiences to their own and discuss the evolving role of women in the historically male-dominated fields of math and science. These interactive conversations with the audience will explore what has changed for women in academia over the past decades, what hurdles still exist, and how are they being challenged, addressed, and overcome. Guests include MIT Biology professor Nancy Hopkins, a renowned cancer researcher, and MIT Physics professor Janet Conrad, a 2009 Guggenheim Fellow. A full list of post-performance guests is available at www.centralsquaretheater.org.

**TRUTH VALUES** plays Thursday, September 10 through Sunday, September 20 at the Central Square Theater, 450 Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 PM, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 PM and Sundays at 2 PM.

Tickets are priced at \$35 (use **MIT discount code MIT25 for \$25 tickets**); \$25 for seniors; and \$20 for students (use **MIT discount code MIT15 for \$15 tickets**) with a valid ID; student rush tickets can be purchased the day of the show for \$15 in person at the box office or by calling (617) 576-9278 x213. Tickets can be purchased by calling (866) 811-4111, online at <a href="https://www.centralsquaretheater.org">www.centralsquaretheater.org</a>, or at the Central Square Theater box office. For box office hours, group discounts, and more information, call (617) 576-9278 x213.