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GROVES CABIN THEATRE RELEASE:

**LAUREL HAINES' INSIGHTFUL COMEDY *THE DIANALOGUES* OPENS
AT GROVES CABIN THEATRE IN MORONGO VALLEY ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
PLAYS SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

Laurel Haines' acclaimed comedy *The Dianalogues* opens Saturday, January 27, at **Groves Cabin Theatre** in Morongo Valley. The show will play four weekends on Saturdays at 8:00 PM and Sundays at 2:30 PM through Sunday, February 18.

The Dianalogues is a comedic look at the world of women as seen through the looking glass of Princess Diana's life and tragic death. Eleven women and one man explore the mystique of the late Princess Di, sharing life experiences that have been influenced by the former fairytale princess turned victim of fame. The characters include an eight year old girl as she watches the Royal Wedding, a world-weary Princess Di impersonator, a homicidal housewife, and Mother Teresa. The women highlighted in the script are from all strata of society, yet through their various encounters, they reveal the contradictory expectations placed on women in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. Moments of insight are juxtaposed with over-the-top comedy. As the story unfolds, these women tell us how they deal with image problems, relationships, equality issues and a host of unhelpful men. *The Dianalogues* manages to be interesting, moving, educational, politically incorrect, and very funny—all at the same time.

Playwright Laurel Haines has lived in New York, Arizona, and, most recently, Chicago. In addition to *The Dianalogues*, she has written plays about documentary filmmakers, cryogenics, and a 200-pound baby. Recently, First Stage Children's Theatre commissioned her to write the book and lyrics for *Stones of Wisdom*, a musical puppet extravaganza presented at Milwaukee Summer Feat 2003. Her play *Raw Footage* won the Yukon Pacific New Play Award at the 2000 Edward Albee Last Frontier Theater Conference and the AriZoni Award for Best Original Script from the Arizona Production Association. Ms. Haines also teaches playwriting and directs new plays. She earned an MFA in playwriting from Arizona State University and is currently a member of the TBC Musical Theatre Writers' Workshop in Chicago.

Desert Theatre League Award winning director Wendy Cohen directs *The Dianalogues*, backed up by stage manager Donnie Murray. The production's stellar cast of popular local actors features Tarin Cochran, Wendy Cohen, Hannah Covington, Marge Doyle, Jenise Fryatt, Joy Groves, Kathy Inscore, Charlie Parker, Katie Peacher, Julie Scott, Ralph Simmons, and Donette Swain.

Groves Cabin Theatre has won multiple Desert Theatre League awards for its high-quality productions. The 23-seat theater offers one of the most intimate theatrical experiences available anywhere in the world—that experience having been described as being “like a fly on the wall, witnessing real life happening before my eyes.” The limited seating means early reservations are a must.

The Dianalogues plays Saturday evenings at 8:00 PM and Sunday afternoons at 2:30 PM from January 27, through February 18. **Groves Cabin Theatre** is located at 8768 Desert Willow Trail in Morongo Valley north of Highway 62 (look for the large red, white, and blue stone on the north side of the highway). Tickets for all seats are \$10. For additional information and reservations call! (760) 365-4523.

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