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CATHERINE BUTTERFIELD PLAY AT HOLLYWOOD FRINGE

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Catherine Butterfield, author of the plays JOINED AT THE HEAD, THE SLEEPER, LIFE IN THE TREES and BROWNSTONE, among others, will premiere her latest comedy, LIFE EXPECTANCY, at the Hollywood Fringe Festival. Second City alum Ron West will helm the play.

LIFE EXPECTANCY is about a 40-something couple who finally get pregnant. Narrated by the slightly smug authors of a "What to Expect" book, the couple is led on a nine month journey through their fears and fantasies, nightmares and secrets. The play's extra layer is the screen writing project the mother-to-be has (perhaps unwisely) taken on, which plays in the background as counterpoint and commentary. The play is by turns hilarious and moving.

Thirty six roles will be played by Josh Banday, Tisha Terrasini-Banker, Derek Manson, Alla Poberesky, Anna-Laurie Rives and Kiff Vanden Huevel.

Butterfield's play JOINED AT THE HEAD was nominated for a Drama Desk and Obie Award in 1992. She's the recipient of the George E. Oppenheimer/New York Newsday award for best new play in the New York area, the Roger L. Stevens/Kennedy Center award, the Kaufman

and Hart award for best new comedy and the Davie Award for best new comedy in regional theatre. BROWNSTONE, commissioned by the Laguna Playhouse, played there in 2010 and was directed by Ms. Butterfield. Butterfield has also written and produced for the TV shows Grimm, Ghost Whisperer, FAME LA and Party of Five.

Ron West has directed many plays for the Second City, including SECOND CITY THIS WEEK, the award winning CURIOUS GEORGE GOES TO WAR, and the musical SEX AND THE SECOND CITY. He directed TWIST YOUR DICKENS last year for the Portland Center stage and will direct that play again at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago this fall. He also helmed THE 39 STEPS at the Malibu Playhouse, deLEARious at the Open Fist theatre in LA, and his own musical THE PEOPLE VS. FRIAN LAURENCE at the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre.

LIFE EXPECTANCY will be performed at the Lounge Theatre in Hollywood (6201 Santa Monica Blvd) on June 10 at 6pm, June 12 at both 8 and 10pm, June 25 at 2pm and June 26 at 12 noon. Tickets at [www.hff16.org/3538](http://www.hff16.org/3538)