



Markus Potter to helm the NYC premiere of 'Church & State' at New World Stages

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NewYorkRep and The Telling Company will present the New York premiere of **Jason Odell Williams'** critically acclaimed play *Church & State*.

Performances are set to begin on Friday, March 3, 2017 with an official opening night of Monday, March 20th at **New World Stages** (340 W. 50th Street – between 8th & 9th Avenues). This is an open-ended engagement.

Church & State is a fast-paced, seriously funny take on faith, politics, and “The Twitter.” It’s three days before Charlie Whitmore’s Senate reelection and he’s decided to finally tell the public exactly what’s on his mind, no filter. What could possibly go wrong?

Directed by **Markus Potter** (*Stalking the Bogeyman*), the cast will feature **Rob Nagle** (“Castle,” “Mad Men”) in the role of the conflicted Senator for which he received an Ovation Award Nomination for Best Lead Actor in a Play. Additional casting and creative team will be announced at a later date.

Originally developed with Artistic director Ralph Meranto and JCC CenterStage, *Church & State* was produced as a National New Play Network Rolling World Premiere at JCC CenterStage in Rochester and The Skylight Theatre in Los Angeles where it recently received three Ovation Award nominations including Best Playwriting for an Original Play, Best Production (Intimate Theatre), and Best Lead Actor in a Play. The Los Angeles Times praised it as “gripping entertainment,” and “simply superb,” while The Huffington Post called it “powerful, humorous and highly contemporary.”

Church & State is produced by Charlotte Cohn and Brierpatch Productions, Neil Gooding Productions, SCS Innovations LLC, in association with NewYorkRep and The Telling Company. Casting is by Wojcik | Seay Casting and Brierpatch Productions provides General Management.

Church & State will play the following performance schedule: Monday at 8pm, Wednesday – Friday at 8pm, Saturday 2pm & 8pm, Sunday 3pm & 7:30pm.

Tickets are \$59 – \$105 and will be available for purchase beginning December 24th through Telecharge.com/212-239-6200. They may also be purchased in person at the New World Stages Box Office (340 West 50th Street) Monday through Friday from 12noon until 8pm.