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**SAMUEL BECKETT'S CLASSIC "ENDGAME" OPENS SUNDAY, MAY 1
AT CENTER THEATRE GROUP'S KIRK DOUGLAS THEATRE
Performances Continue Through May 22, 2016**

Samuel Beckett's classic "Endgame" opens Sunday, May 1, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at Center Theatre Group's Kirk Douglas Theatre. Directed by Alan Mandell, performances for "Endgame" will continue through May 22. (Previews began on April 24.)

Mandell ("Waiting for Godot," "The Price" and "The Cherry Orchard" all at the Mark Taper Forum) will also perform in this production at the Douglas alongside **Barry McGovern** ("I'll Go On" at the Douglas; "Waiting for Godot" at the Taper), **Anne Gee Byrd** ("The Wood Demon" and "The First Picture Show" at the Taper), **James Greene** ("The Iceman Cometh" and over 20 other plays on Broadway) and **Charlotte Rae** ("Happy Days" at the Taper). Rae and Byrd will alternate in the role of Nell.

In the absurdist world of "Endgame," somewhere between existence and death, four characters, Hamm (played by Mandell), Clov (McGovern), Nagg (Greene) and Nell (Rae and Byrd), cling to sanity while performing daily rituals, sometimes comically, as they wrestle some sort of order from the cyclical, repetitious, seeming nothingness of life.

Richard Watts, Jr. of the New York Post once said of Beckett and "Endgame," "It is his remarkable ability to mix beauty, imagination, vitality, and wry humor that transforms Beckett from a mere dispenser of meaningless gloom into a dramatic poet."

Scenic design is by **John Iacovelli**, costume design is by **Maggie Morgan**, lighting design is by **Jared A. Sayeg** and sound design is by **Cricket S. Myers**. The production stage manager is **Susie Walsh**.

Tickets are available online at www.CenterTheatreGroup.org, by calling CTG Audience Services at (213) 628-2772, in person at the Center Theatre Group box office (at the Ahmanson Theatre at the Music Center in downtown Los Angeles) or at the Kirk Douglas Theatre box office two hours prior to performances.

The Kirk Douglas Theatre is located at 9820 Washington Blvd. in Culver City, CA 90232. Ample free parking and restaurants are adjacent.

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April 26, 2016