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URI Theatre to participate in the international staged reading of **THE LARAMIE PROJECT: TEN YEARS LATER, EPILOGUE** PREMIERES IN OVER 100 CITIES ON OCT 12, 2009

The creators of the highly acclaimed play The Laramie Project, which since 2000 has been one of the most performed plays in America, will premiere a compelling and groundbreaking epilogue to the original piece. Entitled THE LARAMIE PROJECT: 10 YEARS LATER, the play will be performed in New York at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, and over 100 other theaters in all fifty states, Canada, Great Britain, Spain, Hong Kong and Australia on October 12, 2009. The University of Rhode Island Department of Theatre will proudly participate in this ten-year commemoration representing Rhode Island. URI Theatre Department first premiered The Laramie Project in 2002. The epilogue focuses on the long-term effects of the murder of Matthew Shepard on the town of Laramie. It explores how the town has changed and how the murder continues to reverberate in the community. The play also includes new interviews with Matthew's mother Judy Shepard and Mathew's murderer Aaron McKinney, who's serving two consecutive life sentences. The writers also conducted many follow-up interviews with Laramie residents from the original piece.

The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later staged reading is being produced by the URI Theatre Department and will be under the direction of Bryna Wortman, Associate Professor, URI Theatre utilizing an ensemble of RI actors. The stage reading will take place in the Robert E. Will Theatre on October 12, 2009 at 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Donations from this event will benefit the URI Chapter of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Center. For more information, please contact 874-5921 or 5922.