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## **Nonnie Vishner Returns with His World Premiere Play**

You may know Nonnie Vishner as the critically acclaimed director of Albee's one-acts, *The American Dream* and *The Zoo Story*, at the Coronado Playhouse.

You may remember his productions of Wasserstein's *Isn't it Romantic?* and *The Sisters Rosensweig* at North Coast Rep or *Picnic* at La Jolla Stage Company.

Perhaps you also know that he directed all of the new works in the Streisand Festival of New Jewish plays in its early years and eight award-winning plays by young writers for Playwrights Project. Then in 1998 he dropped off of San Diego's master playbill.

What you may not know is that Nonnie Vishner is now known as J Marcus Newman – all parts still intact, hair a little grayer, waist a little thicker. He's just been on hiatus from his cherished life in the theatre while the new name wrapped itself around him.

By any name, he is an accomplished stage director, actor and portrait photographer, as well as a valued administrator in the Jewish community and a positive role model in the LGBT community.

The wrapper is coming off big time to reveal the playwright, director and producer of *Moms in America*, an independent production about three generations of American men you might recognize. These guys are both survivors and dysfunctional members of this modern family tree who wish they could love each other for who they are. But first, they must learn to love each other at all. How they try and fail and sort of succeed in that unconscious effort is at the core of this inspiring and thought-provoking character study.

Opening on July 6, the World Premiere of *Moms in America* is an official event of San Diego's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride.

*Moms in America* is J Marcus Newman's first play. Inspired by quotes and incidents in his own family history, this is neither an autobiographical work nor a portrait of that family, the Vishners or the Newmans.

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***Moms in America*, written, produced and directed by J Marcus Newman, is an official San Diego GLBT Pride Event, playing Thursdays through Sundays July 6-30 at 2790 Lytton Street in Loma Portal. Curtain—8:00 pm Thu-Sat, 2:00 pm Sun. Tickets are \$25. SD Pride and other discounts available. Reservations at 619-683-2256 or pay at the door.**