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## **INDEPENDENT PRODUCTION OPENS DURING INDEPENDENCE WEEK**

It has nothing to do with apple pie, but *Moms in America* celebrates one of America's dearest values—the independent spirit—and it features a favorite American institution—the family.

Opening on July 6, this independent production was written, produced, directed and designed by San Diego theatre artist, J Marcus Newman. Wearing the proud mantle of the independent entrepreneur, Newman undertook the mounting of this project, so personal a statement, on his own – with the help of a few friends, hard work and good old American deficit financing.

The play focuses on three generations of men in one Jewish-American family. Like most American families, this one originated elsewhere. Like many American families, this one nurses secret hurts and open wounds. As with many family closets, the moms hold the keys.

Pop, Dad and Son have put aside their regular lives to come together in Miami to bury Pop's ex-wife, who is also Dad's mom and Son's grandmother. Bunking together in the deceased's purple-infused apartment, the men learn what it means to be *their* family. What they learn is about more than this one branch of this one family tree.

They discover their familial roles, responsibilities and reckonings. Together, they may want to strengthen the family bond. But individually, they keep tying knots in it. As they work out those issues, they find some comfort in blaming the Moms.

Through all the angst and humor, the three men of this oddly familiar family truly hope to find ways to love each other for who they are.

That hope is as American as, well, apple pie.

***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.***