

## 200 Cigarettes

a Special **Benefit** Screening  
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Paramount Pictures and Lakeshore Entertainment  
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Sunday, February 21, 1999  
Paramount Theater

A Premier Benefit Screening  
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Twenty-five years of history making theater



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200cigarettes Program notes

Welcome!

Under the leadership of Curt Dempster, The Ensemble Studio Theatre in New York has been at the forefront of the American Theater for over 25 years. A flourishing community of over 450 theater artists of the highest caliber, E.S.T. is an artistic home for its member playwrights, actors and directors. Tonight we celebrate the work of one of those members that has helped create a second home for the company here in L.A.

Risa Bramon Garcia, the director of "200 Cigarettes", had her theater ambitions and aesthetic forged in NY in the 80's working frequently with The Ensemble Studio Theatre. This film in many ways is an affectionate tribute by Risa to those wily and fertile years back in New York.

The dreams and aspirations of our company have moved westward. Over the past seven years with the leadership of Risa and Debra Stricklin spurring us on, EST - The LA Project has created one-act festivals at several theaters around town, won prizes at the HBO US Comedy Arts Festival, and developed over 140 new works in the process. With new Artistic Directors at the helm we continue to grow in leaps and bounds: producing an eccentric collection of theater, performance art and music at our Underground Soap last fall; with the ongoing 'Playwrights Unit', under the guidance of Jose Rivera and Carole Real, and the 'Sunday bEST' workshops at the HBO workspace, we have become a creative stomping ground to the 100 or so members living in Los Angeles.

On the last two weekends in March we will present our annual WINTERFEST at the Lost Studio - a dazzling array of over 45 new works at varying levels of development. IN the spring we will hold our very own Marathon of new one-acts and in the fall of '99 we will present our first company developed full-length.

We are grateful to you, the new and continuing members of our growing community for joining us in this celebration of Risa's work and The Ensemble Studio Theatre. Enjoy the film and join us afterward for food, drink, and good schmooze in the lobby.

Best Wishes,

Garrett M. Brown  
James Eckhouse  
Artistic Directors: Ensemble Studio Theatre - The *LA* Project

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