

## **“Letters Home” stage play comes to Palm Beach State College Nov. 12**

**Local veterans will receive free tickets to the nationally touring production that tells the story of U.S. soldiers serving in the Middle East**

(LAKE WORTH, Fla. – Oct. 25, 2013) Palm Beach State College is giving local veterans a free opportunity to see the nationally touring stage play “Letters Home” at the Lake Worth campus Nov. 12.

The production, which brings to life actual letters written by U.S. soldiers serving in the Middle East, will be held at 8 p.m. in the Duncan Theatre, 4200 Congress Ave. Two free tickets will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis to each veteran and each PBSC student with I.D. Tickets are \$5 for the public.

Adapted by William Massolia, artistic director for Chicago-based Griffin Theatre Company, the play highlights the patriotic spirit as well as the challenges and struggles of soldiers serving on the battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The production is inspired by the 2004 New York Times Op-Ed article, “The Things They Wrote,” and the subsequent HBO documentary “Last Letters Home.” It also uses letters and correspondence from Frank Schaeffer’s books, “Voices from the Front,” “Letters Home from America’s Military Family,” “Faith of Our Sons” and “Keeping Faith.” While the 10-actor play focuses largely on letters from soldiers, it also includes some letters from parents of soldiers.

The 2007 debut production of “Letters Home” was nominated for a Joseph Jefferson Award for Outstanding New Play. This is the second time that “Letters Home” has come to the Duncan Theatre. It was well received in 2011.

For tickets, call the Box Office at 561-868-3309. To learn more about “Letters Home,” visit [www.griffintheatre.com/letters-home](http://www.griffintheatre.com/letters-home).



**Editor's note:** In the photo, Christian Blackburn and Lynda Shadrake perform a scene in "Letters Home." Contact College Relations and Marketing for high resolution photos.

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