

Tell Me What You Remember

When: Thursdays–Sundays. Continues through Nov. 22 2015

Price: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, \$15 students and seniors
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Family life isn't easy. Tell Me What You Remember, revived and remounted from last year, recounts the story, based on interviews with a real family, of an embattled clan's struggle to cope with mental illness and dysfunction across four generations. Finely acted and evocatively staged by Erasing the Distance, this one-hour play asks some of the hard questions we encounter in the course of growing up and growing old: Why do we hurt each other? Do I have to go through this on my own? We see the Depression-era stoicism of Inez (Dana Black) as an impossible model for her daughter, Janet (Eileen Vorbach), when Janet becomes trapped in a violent, deceitful marriage with hard-working Bill (Don Bender). At a loss watching her own daughter, Kristin (Jennifer Mathews), slip toward self-destruction, Janet screams, "I need help!" That cry, brought on by regret, remorse, and the numbing effects of depression, echoes throughout this deeply moving work. —Max Maller

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