

## Media Release - Flat Earth Theatre

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### Flat Earth Theatre blasts off to another dimension in Steven Dietz's *Rocket Man*

Flat Earth Theatre ventures into the final frontier this August with *Rocket Man*, Steven Dietz's creative and probing account of self discovery. Tracking the lives of its characters across parallel universes, *Rocket Man* addresses themes of fate, family, and the ability to communicate with the ones we love.

As Donny Rowan waits patiently for the traffic lights to change, the rest of the world has passed him by; his ex-wife has moved on, his teenage daughter is slipping away, and even his closest friends can't seem to connect with him. Fed up with the seeming futility of life in this universe, Donny sets his sights on another: a parallel dimension where the standard laws of time and space no longer apply. So he puts his life up for sale on the front lawn, and scans the heavens from an E-Z Boy recliner in the attic, preparing for a journey that will take him beyond the limits of this mundane reality.

While the mirror universe plays an essential role in addressing Donny's regrets, it may not be all it's cracked up to be. As his friend Louise puts it: "You think in a parallel world everything is perfect? You think it all works out?" The flow of time may run contrary to our reality, but its people encounter the same problems and embody the same flaws. Director Lindsay Eagle, past Artistic Director of the critically acclaimed Independent Drama Society, strengthens the connections between seemingly opposite selves by examining the implications of this alternate reality and what it means to be a version of oneself.

*Rocket Man* runs August 16th through 24th in the Black Box Theater of the Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal Street, Watertown. Performances are at 8PM on Fridays and Saturdays, with a 2PM matinee on Sunday, August 18th. Tickets are \$20 when purchased in advance through PushToCross.com, or by calling 1-800-838-3006, or \$25 (cash only) at the door. Students with valid ID can purchase \$10 student rush tickets at the theater starting one hour before the show, and there will be a Pay-What-You-Can performance on Thursday, August 22nd at 8PM.

Flat Earth Theatre has been collaboratively crafting paradigm-challenging theatre in greater Boston since 2006. Featured productions include the world premier of *Pirate Lives! The Musical!*, and last August's award-winning staging of *The Pillowman* featuring the IRNE-nominated shadow puppetry of Woellert&Clark. *Rocket Man* concludes Flat Earth's 2013 season at the Arsenal Center for the Arts, which also included Vaclav Havel's *The Memorandum* in January, and Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt's *Enigma Variations* in April. Learn more about Flat Earth at [flatearththeatre.com](http://flatearththeatre.com).

#### When

August 16th 8PM  
August 17th 8PM  
August 18th 2PM  
August 22nd 8PM  
August 23rd 8PM  
August 24th 8PM

Run time: 2 hours

#### Where

Black Box Theater at the Arsenal Center for the Arts

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321 Arsenal Street  
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Free Parking  
70 and 70A Bus Routes from Central Square, Cambridge

### **Tickets**

\$20 General Admission in advance / \$25 at the door  
\$10 Student Rush tickets available 1 hour before show cash only at the door  
Purchase online at [PushToCross.com](http://PushToCross.com)  
By phone: (800) 838-3006  
Group sales (10 or more) email [tickets@flatearththeatre.com](mailto:tickets@flatearththeatre.com)

### **Cast**

Robin Gabrielli as Donny  
Scott Alan as Buck  
Mariagrazia LaFauci as Trisha  
Korinne T. Ritchey as Rita  
Juliet Bowler as Louise

### **Production Staff**

Producer: Amy Lehrmitt  
Director: Lindsay Eagle  
Stage Manager: Caitlin Mason  
Set Designer: Debra Reich  
Lighting Designer: Chris Bocchiaro  
Sound Designer: Chris Larson  
Costume Designer: Emily Rosser  
Props Designer: Coriana Hunt Swartz  
Graphic Designer: Stewart Holmes  
Build Chief: Leigh Downes  
Build Crew: Adam Teti  
Rebecca Dunham