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Cape May Stage Presents
Journeys
An Evening with Thaaio Penghlis

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Featuring Thaaio Penghlis

Cape May, NJ – Cape May Stage, South Jersey’s premier professional Equity theatre, is pleased to announce an exciting evening with Emmy-nominee Thaaio Penghlis (*Days of Our Lives*, *Mission Impossible*), star of this season’s world premiere, *Class*. Through the course of the evening – entitled *Journeys* – Penghlis will regale the audience with tales of his excursions throughout the planet’s most sacred sites, infusing legends of centuries-old relics with his distinctive charisma. Funny, moving, and always inspirational, Penghlis’ narrative will be framed with a recitation of Constantine P. Cavafy’s poem *Ithaca* and illustrated with his breathtaking photography. Don’t miss your opportunity for this once-in-a-lifetime experience! Part of Cape May Stage’s acclaimed Second Stage Series, *Journeys* will be presented in a one-night limited engagement on Monday, May 24 at 8:00pm at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse on Bank and Lafayette Streets.

Born and raised in Australia as the son of working-class Greek immigrants, Penghlis’ first instinct was not to go into acting, but into Archeology. His aspirations changed after working with Milton Katselas in New York, who encouraged him to pursue life as a thespian. However, Penghlis never left behind his true calling, eventually inspecting the world’s most sacred sites – including Machu Picchu, traveling through the jungles of the Amazon, throughout the Middle East, as well as tours through his ancestral home of Greece and finally culminating in a visit to what he considers his greatest love: Mt. Sinai in Egypt – to which Penghlis will be returning for a ninth visit. *Journeys* will reveal stories that have never been told, delving into the mysteries behind them.

The May 24th event follows the world premiere of New Jersey playwright Charles Evered’s *Class*, starring Penghlis and Heather Matarazzo (*The Princess Diaries*, *Welcome to the Dollhouse*). *Class* chronicles the relationship between two show business professionals at divergent points in their careers, each struggling with the sacrifices they’ve made in pursuit of the unattainable. *Class* opens Saturday, May 15 and runs to Saturday, June 12, 2010.

Journeys will be presented May 24th at 8:00pm at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse at the corner of Bank & Lafayette Streets in downtown Cape May. Tickets are \$20. Assisted listening devices are available upon

request for the hearing impaired. Call (609) 884-1341 for reservations and information or visit the theatre's website, www.capemaystage.com.