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Ken Russell plays MINDGAME on NYC stage



Fango just got the word that legendary director Ken Russell (pictured), whose numerous screen forays into the macabre include *THE DEVILS*, *ALTERED STATES*, *GOthic* and *THE LAIR OF THE WHITE WORM*, will make his New York stage debut with *MINDGAME*. This psychothriller, written by acclaimed author/screenwriter Anthony (*THE GATHERING*) Horowitz, will star Lee Godart as a pulp-novel writer who goes to an insane asylum to interview a notorious serial killer under the care of Dr. Farquhar (Keith Carradine). He thinks he's scored a coup, but instead he finds himself ensnared in a series of strange occurrences, and may in fact be trapped in the facility himself. Following a successful UK tour, *MINDGAME* will begin performances Tuesday, October 28 at SoHo Playhouse (15 Vandam Street); the official opening night is Sunday, November 9, with shows taking place Tuesdays-Sundays at 8 p.m. and matinees Sundays at 3 p.m.

"After reading *MINDGAME*, I was convinced that I had to direct this play in New York," Russell says. "Anthony has written a fascinating thriller with a new surprise every five minutes. I am delighted and honored to have this intriguing play as my Off-Broadway debut." Horowitz adds, "I am thrilled that *MINDGAME* will have its New York premiere with Ken Russell, a brilliant director whom I've always admired, at the helm. It was my aim to write a play that would entertain and beguile, and I'm confident this is going to be a production no one will forget." Tickets will be available at the SoHo Playhouse website here or by calling the box office at (212) 691-1555 between noon and 8:30 p.m. EST. —*Michael Gingold*

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