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LiveWire Chicago Theatre Addresses the Timely Topic of Rape, Violence and Intimidation in
Timberlake Wertemberger's *The Love of the Nightingale*

March 22, 2007 – (CHICAGO) LiveWire Chicago Theatre proudly presents *The Love of the Nightingale*. Timberlake Wertemberger's explosive re-telling of the Greek myth of Philomele, originally expressed in Sophocles' lost play *Tereus*, resonates loudly in modern day.

"We are now in the depths of global social awareness and consciousness," director Glenn Proud states, "people and groups are attempting to be heard, where before they lived in silence and fear. This is an important show because it reminds us that we have a voice"

Proud points to examples found everyday in the news; Iraq's formerly oppressed religious sects now employing violent tactics to ensure their voices are heard. Sexual assault reports in the US military rising dramatically over the past year while prosecutions for these crimes account for less than one third the total number of reports. Women in Darfur suffering repeated rapes and brutality while their government refuses to recognize the problem even exists.

"The Love of the Nightingale is a mythical, violent tale for a modern violent time." adds Proud. "When no one listens, the cycle of violence continues. Through the bold and dynamic characters of this play, we hope to further the dialogue and give voice to the victims stuck in this cycle of violence. Ultimately, what theatre does is allow us to expose hard issues in a safe environment. That's why we do it."

The Love of the Nightingale marks the third and final offering of LiveWire Chicago Theatre's first season. It runs April 5th- 29th. Thursday through Saturday at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm at The Side Project, 1439 W. Jarvis, Chicago, IL 60626. Thursday, April 12th will be Theater Thursday with the League of Chicago Theaters. There will be a pre-show reception with free wine and hors d'oeuvres. Additional performances on April 14th, 21st, and 28th are To Be Announced. There will be one preview on Wednesday, April 4th at 8pm.

Ticket prices are: Preview: \$5; Thursday through Sunday \$15, Students, and Seniors \$12, Industry Show (Thursday, Sunday) \$10 with H/R. For reservations, call 773-412-8089

For more information, including cast bios, please visit www.livewirechicago.com or call Suzanne Bracken at 312-233-1282.