

# **BACK TO BABYLON**

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## **BACK TO BABYLON PLAYS FOR A HOME-TOWN AUDIENCE**

*West Palm Beach, FL - October 5, 2008* – The critically acclaimed one-man show ***Back to Babylon*** written, performed and directed by Gregg Tomé, will have a true homecoming with a special one night only performance in Babylon, Long Island at Babylon High School’s Rowe Hall Theatre on Friday, October 24, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The performance is being produced by the Babylon Village Educational Foundation in cooperation with the Class of 1978 Reunion, as a benefit with proceeds going to the foundation to support the Babylon High School Theatre Department.

A real instance of “art imitating life” ***Back to Babylon*** is being performed during Babylon High School’s homecoming weekend and as part of the Class of 1978’s Reunion weekend. This timing literally reflects the plot of the one-man show.

The story of ***Back to Babylon***, unfolds as a local resident, on the eve of a ten-year high school reunion, reminisces about how he and his friends struggled to define themselves within a haze of partying. Nine compelling characters further reveal how this close-knit circle of townies head towards a disaster that ultimately defines them all. Combining an edgy story line, 70’s rock

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music, and imagery from the town its self, the audience is taken on an unforgettable trip down suburban memory lane.

Performing the show in the very place of its inspiration in front of an audience with the same collective memory will be a unique and meaningful experience for audience and actor alike. Tomé says, “It has been a dream of mine, since the first production many years ago, to perform ***Back to Babylon*** in my home town and now it is finally happening. There will be so many people in the audience who know exactly who and what I am referencing. My goal has always been to honor the collective memory of my peers and the town, while entertaining people through humor. And this is the performance that will bring it all full circle.”

A selection of press quotes attest to ***Back to Babylon's*** critical acclaim:

Woody Allen has Manhattan, Neil Simon has Yonkers and Gregg Tome has Babylon Long Island. ***NEW TIMES, MIAMI - “Best Bet”***

Tome weaves a tale of the underbelly of Americana and displays a chameleon-like ability to transform himself. ***PALM BEACH POST***

Tome is a talented monologist and an intelligent writer...he performs nine colorful and compassionate portraits with tenderness and comic insight. ***LA WEEKLY***

Tome performs a coterie of 1970's stoners and slackers with aplomb.  
***N.Y. VILLAGE VOICE***

An amazing performance...his physical transformations are astonishing.  
***CLOSER MAGAZINE***

Complex and well written, Back to Babylon may very well be the finest show in FringeNYC this year...Marvelously performed, I could of sworn there were nine actors on stage... a remarkable performance. ***NYTHEATRE.COM***

An engaging performer with plenty of energy...his show holds the attention of non-Long Islanders for the vividness of its characters and their modest, unmistakable authenticity...Gregg Tome clearly knows where he came from. ***BACKSTAGE.COM***

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***Back to Babylon*** has been produced at theaters across the U.S. including Theatre at the Improv, First Stage and The Space in Hollywood, California; PS 122, at the New York City Fringe Festival; and Cuillo Center for the Performing Arts, Theatre West, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Gregg Tomé has appeared in film, TV and many theatre productions. A full bio as well as a complete show history, synopsis, show photos and more information about ***Back to Babylon*** is available at [www.greggtome.com](http://www.greggtome.com)

For a full press kit on ***Back to Babylon*** contact 561/670-6275.

***Back to Babylon***, Friday, October 24, 2008, Rowe Hall Theatre, Babylon High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon Village, NY 11702. Tickets \$20 Advance or \$25 at Door (*age 21 and over for admission*). To purchase or reserve tickets call (615) 669-0520.

**Image credits (left to right):** Gregg Tome as Manny in *Back to Babylon*, Gregg Tome as Billy B in *Back to Babylon*, Gregg Tome as Vito in *Back to Babylon*, Gregg Tome as Coach in *Back to Babylon*. All photos by Jacek Gancarz.

Attachments: PDF file of past press articles, Gregg Tome as Billy B in *Back to Babylon*, Gregg Tome as Vito in *Back to Babylon*, Gregg Tome as Coach in *Back to Babylon*

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