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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **The Daily Show's Lauren Weedman To Tour One-Woman Show Through Vermont**

Burlington, VT: (March 11, 2009) Burlington City Arts is please to present comedian, performance artist, and former Daily Show correspondent Lauren Weedman, performing her one-woman show, *Bust*, in five towns throughout Vermont in early April. The dates are:

- 7:30pm, Wed. April 1<sup>st</sup> at Lyndon State College's Alexander Twilight Theater.
- 7:30pm, Thurs. April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Latchis Theater, Brattleboro
- 7:30pm, Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Barre Opera House, Barre
- 7:30pm, Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, Contois Auditorium, City Hall, Burlington
- 7:30pm, Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Town Hall Theater, Middlebury

Lauren Weedman's a rising star and her Vermont tour promises a combination of irony, laughs, and powerful social commentary. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, and available at the Flynn Theater box office, by calling 802-86FLYNN (802-863-5966), online at [www.flynntix.org](http://www.flynntix.org) or by calling 802-264-0766.

In the tradition of autobiographical performer Spalding Gray and Whoopi Goldberg's shape-shifting self-titled 1984 Broadway show, Weedman's *Bust* creates hilarious comedy and poignant drama—and like Goldberg and Gray's shows, *Bust* draws from Weedman's

own experience— volunteering in a southern California jail while simultaneously navigating the mean streets of Hollywood, auditioning and pitching projects to film and television producers.

In *Bust*, Weedman plays more than fifteen different characters, among them: inmates, fellow volunteers, Hollywood gatekeepers—and herself. “Weedman is a sharp chronicler of the (jail’s) larger social context,” writes Daryl Miller at the Los Angeles Times. “Shifting from character to character with such swift precision that she seems to be executing filmic jump-cuts, she sketches a series of inmates whose lives are bound up in poverty and abuse. She doesn’t let them off easy, but she also subtly takes note that many of their worst behaviors have been socialized into them.”

In addition to her run on The Daily Show, Weedman’s credits include Comedy Central’s *Reno 911*, National Public Radio’s political satire show, *Rewind*, and shows with the award-winning New York comedy improv group, Upright Citizens Brigade.

The Lauren Weedman Vermont Tour of *Bust*, presented by Burlington City Arts, Kingdom County Productions, and Lyndon State College, and sponsored by Vermont Public Radio, The Point, and Seven Days Newspaper, is an important part of Burlington City Arts, which is dedicated to the promotion of excellence, experimentation, and education in all forms of contemporary art. For more information about gallery exhibitions, special events, classes and workshops, please call 802.865.7166 or visit [BURLINGTONCITYARTS.COM](http://BURLINGTONCITYARTS.COM).

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