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Mixed Roots Foundation Welcomes Brian Stanton's BLANK to San Francisco with Special Guest & Author Patti Hawn of GOOD GIRLS DON'T–Dance Mission Theater, October 27
One man solo show plus new memoir fills in the blanks of adoption with Q&A session to follow

San Francisco, CA – September 27, 2013 –Following the final signature Adoptee Day sporting event of the season taking place on Saturday, October 26th with the San Jose Earthquakes, Mixed Roots Foundation warmly welcomes **Actor and Fellow Adoptee Brian Stanton** to San Francisco with his award-winning and internationally acclaimed theatrical presentation called **BLANK** along with **Author and Publicist Patti Hawn** with her memoir called **GOOD GIRLS DON'T** – Two powerful stories that unweave the complexity and attempts to fill in the blanks of their own adoption experience on stage. **BLANK** and **GOOD GIRLS DON'T** will play at the **Dance Mission Theater, 3316 24th Street (corner of Mission) at 7:00 p.m. in San Francisco, CA on Sunday, October 27, 2013.**

"What (Stanton) does is give us a glimpse of the unique journey the adopted person takes to understand and appreciate their personal history. A play that betters our understanding of that journey is an important one. **For fifteen years I have lived and loved someone who was adopted. And I'm grateful to Mr. Stanton for helping me appreciate my partner's journey even more.**" – NYTheatre.com

"When I made the decision to write the letter to the son I said good-bye to 40 years ago," says Patti "little did I know that I would begin the most profound journey of my life. Although I made a promise to never interfere I broke my word and opened a door which led me into a place where finally I'm forced to confront my truth. **Thus began a journey that started on the day I gave my baby away and led me through a lifetime of choices unknowingly borne out of this early experience.** It seems I've spent much of my life in search of answers – without ever really knowing the questions." – Patti Hawn

An entertaining yet very compelling one-night only event in San Francisco, Mixed Roots Foundation is proud to support Los Angeles based playwright/actor Brian Stanton and author Patti Hawn as they explore themes of adoption and identity. Stanton plays 12 hilarious and poignant characters to tell his true adoption story, ultimately discovering the truth of his birth, an instinctive love for his birthmother, and a grateful dedication to his adoptive family. Readings from Hawn's memoir complement Stanton's experience by bringing a birthmother's perspective of her teenage pregnancy, the loss of her son to adoption, and the search to reunite 40 years later. The dynamic duo will host a Q & A Session to take place immediately following the theatrical presentation.



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Tickets are now on sale. \$25 online and \$30 at the door. For more information on how to buy tickets please visit Brown Paper Tickets <http://blank-sf.brownpapertickets.com/> or contact 323-253-4466 or mail thebrianstanton.com. A portion of all tickets sold for this special event will benefit adoptees and their families in the San Francisco Bay area. **To learn more about Mixed Roots Foundation**, please LIKE and SHARE Mixed Roots Foundation on Facebook, call 800.659.6958, or email events@mixedrootsfoundation.org. To donate, please **text ADOPTEES** on a mobile phone to **56512** or visit **www.mixedrootsfoundation.org**

About Brian Stanton / BLANK:

BLANK had its World Premiere in Los Angeles, CA in April of 2010. Since then, BLANK has visited Off Broadway New York, Dallas, Chicago, Vancouver, Kansas City, Aspen, Orlando and several cities in Southern California garnering critical acclaim along the way including a "Best Solo Actor" award at the United Solo Theatre Festival in New York City and 2 StageSceneLA awards: "Outstanding Actor in a Solo Performance" for Stanton and "Outstanding Director of a Solo Performance" for McKerrin Kelly. Stanton has also reached out to the adoption community performing for support organizations such as the American Adoption Congress, Concerned United Birthparents, Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture, and the Forget Me Not Family Society. For more information, **please visit: www.blankbybrianstanton.com**.

About Patti Hawn / GOOD GIRLS DON'T:

Author Patti Hawn, sister to legendary film actress Goldie Hawn brings a birthmother's perspective of her teenage pregnancy, the loss of her son to adoption, and the search to reunite with him 40 years later. GOOD GIRLS DON'T is the debut literary effort of her own story of adoption. Patti has been featured in USA Today, Boston Herald, and has spoken for numerous adoption support organizations such as American Adoption Congress and Concerned United Birthparents. Hawn also travels to India, Nepal & Thailand where she works in humanitarian efforts. Patti grew up in Takoma Park, Maryland. She is a film publicist who lives in Manhattan Beach, California. She is happily married and is the proud grandmother of four. For more information, **please visit: www.goodgirlsdontbook.com**.