



## Fringe Festival

### **Truth Values: One Girl's Romp Through MIT's Male Math Maze**

Lafayette Street Theatre

45 Bleecker St (at Lafayette St)

East Village | [Map](#)

212-279-4488

When: Today 2pm

Tickets: \$15

August 29, 2009

★★★★ [FOUR STARS]

Gioia De Cari's one-woman show mines her time as a graduate student at MIT for insight into—and laughs at the expense of—the school's male-dominated culture. Highlighting her encounters with chauvinistic professors, creepily sex-starved classmates and sympathetic but equally stymied fellow female students, De Cari gets specific about the misogynous forces at work that keep women away from math and science, and slowly drive the ones already inside crazy. De Cari is animated onstage, and inhabits no fewer than 30 roles with gusto. She bounds from moments of depression to those of elation and triumph, each rendered on an empty stage that hints at the countless stories similar to hers but untold.

— Andrew Frisicano