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ACCLAIMED STOREFRONT THEATRE TO PRESENT THREE NEW WORKS THIS FALL

the side project tackles the perspective of youth & the language of war.

CHICAGO - *the side project* theatre company in Rogers Park will present three shows in rep this fall, including two world premieres dealing with the ramifications of war, and the Midwest premiere of Brett Neveu's *twentyone*.

The rep series begins November 1 with *Through the Middle Ground*, continues with *twentyone* on November 7, and *An Interrogation Primer* opening later in the month. All three shows will run in rep through December 18. Tickets prices range from \$10-\$20 and all performances will take place at The Side Project, 1439 W Jarvis Ave.

Why tackle three plays at once? "Our mission is to provide a home for new voices, and running these shows in rep gives us the opportunity to do more of that," said *side project* Artistic Director, Adam Webster. "Though only two of the plays are thematically linked, they all share an exploration of language and the failure to connect when language breaks down."

Through the Middle Ground, directed by Webster and written by Louis Cancelmi, tells the story of an American soldier returning home to his girlfriend after serving in Iraq. The soldier soon realizes that it is in his homeland that he finds difficulty connecting to a life he may never have fully understood in the first place.

twentyone, directed by Brant Russell, takes a different approach, following five 21-year-olds on an Existentialist Spring Break in Mexico. An alcohol-soaked week serves as an unlikely backdrop for self-reflection among a disparate group of co-eds.

An Interrogation Primer, directed by Eric Ziegenhagen, is a one man show written by Iraq Veteran Mike Nowacki, who enrolled in 1990 at age 17. The first-person confessional covers Nowacki's time in the military including the two years he spent in Baghdad as an interrogator.

Through the Middle Ground begins November 1 and runs Friday & Saturday at 7:30pm and Sunday at 2:00pm. *twentyone* begins November 7 and runs Sunday through Tuesday at 7:30pm. *An Interrogation Primer* begins November 11. Tickets range from \$10-\$20 and can be purchased online at www.thesideproject.net.

ABOUT THE SIDE PROJECT

The Side Project connects Chicago's most innovative and engaging writers, directors, designers, and performers in an ongoing exploration of the power of hyper-intimate theatre. Our projects develop out of relationships with artists, an appreciation of their work and processes, and an understanding of where they want to go. Our focus is not simply on world-premiere plays, but on world-premiere collaborations: creating never-before-seen teams of artists, each of whom has a body of work which speaks to the others in unique and exciting ways. Visit us online at www.thesideproject.net.

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