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The Impostors Theatre Company to stage anthology series *Footholds* in June written by playwrights from across the Chicagoland community

CHICAGO, IL — The Impostors Theatre Company (ITC), one of Chicago's newest theatre ensembles, closes their inaugural season with *Footholds*, an anthology series written by playwrights from across the Chicagoland community. *Footholds* runs June 13 – June 23, 2019 at The Pentagon Theatre at Collaboraction Studios in the Flat Iron Arts Building, 1579 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60622.

Footholds was conceived as a reaction to one of the most frustrating and intimidating villains an artist can face: a blank page. A blank canvas allows for infinite possibilities, but this can sometimes act as a hindrance. With no definitive starting point, it can be difficult to realize a final product. By introducing a single, ambiguous constraint, a crack in the block of marble, we asked our writers and collaborators to start with the same limitation and branch off wherever their imaginations take them. This year's foothold: A stack of red construction paper.

Refraction by Maria Welser

Directed by Isaiah Williams

No one knows the outcome of their existence. In a distant constellation, an older star attempts to teach a younger star about the sacred duty of living in this imperfect world. But when the younger discovers what her end will look like, she questions the worth of a life half-lived.

Agita by Stephanie Lewis

Directed by Ali McLaughlin, Stefan Roseen, and Isaiah Williams

Choreographed by Megan Walter

When anxieties grow and fears are left unchecked, negativity can manifest into a visceral experience. Weighed down by words of discouragement, struggles, and doubts, Woman braves her life via the visual art of dance. If she isn't to be overwhelmed by the darkness, she must learn to let her guard down and lean on others in her time of need.

Creations by Kasey Mooney

Directed by Isaiah Williams

Aiden doesn't talk much, but that doesn't mean he has nothing to say. Sometimes, the smallest gestures spark the most human connections. And while lonely days pass quickly in the park, each person Aiden meets, he impacts.

The Piper's Calling by Natalia Terzic Directed by Stefan Roseen

Friends don't let friends sacrifice themselves to the devil. Addendum: Rules can be bent when the stakes are this high. Eternal popularity? Totally worth it—all this group of teenagers has to do is bargain a li'l bit. *In the Details* by Caroline Hyde

Directed by Ali McLaughlin

Think corporate setting, let's break the system, only you're in Hell and your boss is Satan. Everyone makes mistakes. Even demons. But when Aplloyon loses track of dozens of un-catalogued souls she must think fast before Lucifer herself catches wind of this hellfire.

The cast of *Footholds* includes: Sarah Bacinich, Brian Boller, Jaclyn Jensen, Drew Michele, Raven Nichole, Daniel Pivonka, Shira Wilson

Fact Sheet | Caged: An Allegory

Title: Written by: Directed by:	Footholds Caroline Hyde, Stephanie Lewis, Kasey Mooney, Natalia Terzic, and Maria Welser ITC Artistic Director Stefan Roseen, Ali McLaughlin, and Isaiah J. Williams
Featuring:	Sarah Bacinich, Brian Boller, Jaclyn Jensen, Drew Michele, Raven Nichole, Daniel Pivonka, Shira Wilson
Creative Team:	ITC ensemble members Chris Gierymski (Composer & Sound Designer) and Mallory Swisher (Lighting Designer), as well as Ethan Gasbarro (Set Designer) and Lindsay Rowley (Stage Manager)
Regular Run:	June 13 – June 23, 2019
Schedule:	Thursdays – Saturdays at 7:30pm Sundays at 3pm
Location:	The Pentagon Theatre at Collaboraction Studios in the Flat Iron Arts Building 1579 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60622
Tickets:	General Admission – \$16
Group Discount:	Purchase 8 or more tickets to receive a \$6 discount off of each ticket. Contact the Box Office at <u>impostorstheatre.boxoffice@gmail.com</u> for more details on booking your event.
Box Office:	theimpostorstheatre.com/boxoffice.html

Parking and Transportation: The Flat Iron Arts Building is located in Wicker Park. West of the Damen/North/Milwaukee intersection, patrons can locate a parking garage on the northern side of North Avenue and a parking lot on the southern. There is limited street parking available. Apps like Spot Hero are highly recommended to ensure a parking spot. The theater is easily accessible via the Damen (#50), Milwaukee (#56), or North (#72) bus, and just steps off of the Damen Blue Line El station.

About The Impostors Theater Company

The Impostors Theatre Company is one of Chicago's newest, ensembles. The Company stages stories at the crossroads of retrospect and innovation, where the fantastic collides with the everyday. In order to better our

discourse, our relationships, and ourselves. A commitment to challenge, cultivate, and coalesce drives the company forward, encouraging all to "Embrace the Art of Pretend."

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