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REMY BUMPPPO'S THINKTANK FACT SHEET

Special Events for *The Island* Explore 'Civil Disobedience' New Date for MCA Panel Discussion and ThinkFilmSlam Added

Remy Bumpo Theatre Company presents thinkTank, a progressive exploration of the upcoming mainstage production, *The Island*. Fugard's 1973 prison drama runs January 27th to March 7th at the Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave. For tickets and more information visit www.remybumpo.org or call the box office at 773-404-7336. thinkTank events focus on the many permutations of civil disobedience through focused discussions after many performances of *The Island* and a number of events and activities including:

Friday, Feb. 5, 2010 from 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.

South African Wine Tasting

Greenhouse Theater Center Upstairs Lobby, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.

Admission is free with ticket to the Feb. 5, 7:30 pm performance of *The Island*. Enjoy samples of Southern Starz Inc., The Pepper Pot and Matt Black wines, all which can be purchased from the on-site host, Fine Wine Brokers. For tickets call the Greenhouse Theater box office at 773-404-7336 or order online at www.remybumpo.org.

Saturday, Feb. 6, 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Between the Lines Conversation with Prexy Nesbitt

Greenhouse Theater Center Upstairs Mainstage, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.

Remy Bumpo's Between the Lines series was created to further engage our audience and enhance their appreciation of each of our mainstage productions. Social and political activist and educator **Prexy Nesbitt** introduces the themes of *The Island* in a pre-show conversation. Tickets are \$50 and include a ticket for the 2:30 p.m. matinee of *The Island* and a post-show discussion. This event will also be podcasted for Chicago Amplified, an online archive of community events on www.WBEZ.org. For tickets call the box office at 773-404-7336 or order online at www.remybumpo.org. Admission is free to FugardChicago2010 Pass holders. For pass information visit www.FugardChicago2010.org.

Saturday, Feb. 13, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Scrub Your Pup to Benefit Puppies Behind Bars

Scrub Your Pup, 2935 N. Clark St. Chicago

Pamper your pooch at Chicago's first self-service dog wash. Proceeds benefit Puppies Behind Bars Inc., a non-profit organization that trains prison inmates to raise puppies to be guide dogs for the blind. Wash your own dog for \$5 off the regular \$18 price. Save \$5 on a second dog as well. For more information call 773-348-6218 or visit the website www.scrubyourpup.com.

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Monday, March 1, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

thinkFilmSlam - Remy Bumpo's First Ever Short Film Contest

Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave.

The Remy Bumpo thinkFilmSlam is a short film screening in conjunction with Remy Bumpo's upcoming Mainstage show, *The Island*, by Athol Fugard. The thinkFilmSlam competition challenges local artists to create short films incorporating *The Island's* theme of civil disobedience, the effects of social injustice, faith in solidarity, and the struggle to bring awareness to issues deprecating the human spirit using the conventions of theatre. This event will include a screening of the winning entries and a ceremony to honor the filmmakers. This is an all-ages show open to the Chicago area film community and general public. Doors open at 7:00pm. Admission is \$5; tickets will be available for purchase at Lincoln Hall or through their website at www.lincolnhallchicago.com. (Advance reservations recommended but not necessary.) Lincoln Hall is within walking distance of the Fullerton Red/Purple/Brown line stop, as well as multiple CTA bus routes. Parking is available for \$6 at the Children's Memorial Hospital down the street at 2316 N. Lincoln. For further information regarding ticketing, parking, general event details, or to receive the guidelines for submission, email thinktank@remybumpo.org or call Remy Bumpo at 773-244-8119.

Saturday, March 6, 3:00 - 5:00p

Antigone Community Reading

Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.

Remy Bumpo partners with the Egan Center of DePaul University and other student organizations for an open reading of Sophocles' *Antigone*, read by patrons, artists and community members. A discussion will follow the reading. This event is free of charge. RSVP to thinktank@remybumpo.org.

Sat. March 6th from 6:30pm-7:30pm

African Marketplace

Greenhouse Theater Center Upstairs Lobby, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.

Different vendors of African wares will be set up in the lobby before the evening show. Some vendors represent different charitable organizations for South African causes; purchases at the market will go to support these organizations. Admission is Free.

Tuesday, March 23, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

American Theater: Writing for Change Panel Discussion

Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave

Remy Bumpo Theatre Company and MCA Performances present an insightful panel discussion featuring playwrights and scholars delving into the art of writing for change. This panel is in conjunction with FugardChicago2010, a consortium of Remy Bumpo, TimeLine Theatre, and Court Theatre, all of whom are producing plays by South African playwright Athol Fugard during spring of 2010. Join some of today's brightest playwrights who are saying something new about the American experience, in the migrant's view and that of descendants of the Mayflowers and Amistads of history.

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They tap our up-to-the-moment national consciousness to make theater that is pumping with the music and language of the largest cross-current of people to ever come together in one land. **Jonathan Wilson**, director of TimeLine's *"Master Harold"...and the Boys*, will moderate the discussion between **Tanya Saracho**, the adapter of Steppenwolf's *The House on Mango Street*, **Kristoffer Diaz**, author of the Off-Broadway bound *The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Diety*, and **Young Jean Lee**, author of *The Shipment*, performing on the MCA stage in March. This event will also be podcasted for Chicago Amplified, an online archive of community events on www.WBEZ.org. Admission is free, but reservations are recommended. Use your ticket stub for free admission to the galleries prior to the panel discussion or within 7 days of event. For reservations call the MCA box office at 312-397-4010.

January 27 - March 7, 2010
Multi-media Island Lobby Display

Greenhouse Theater Center Lobby Display, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.

This multimedia lobby display will include items on loan from Columbia College Chicago's Library, which chronicles Chicago's historic role in the Anti Apartheid movement from 1977 - 2000. The display will also include film footage from the Robben Island Singers (Groundswell Educational Films) and selected South African Art.

Note: More events that explore the topic of civil disobedience are being planned. For up to date information on thinkTank events and post-show speakers related to *The Island*, please visit www.remybumpo.org.

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MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART's program of performing arts, MCA Stage is a nationally recognized presenter of contemporary theater, dance, music, and multimedia performances. Featuring leading performers from around the globe, including Chicago's most innovative artists, MCA Stage is the most active interdisciplinary performing arts presenter in Chicago. MCA Stage enjoys working year round with numerous arts and community organizations for the co-presentations of the performing arts, making the MCA a shared resource for the cultural life of our city. MCA Stage celebrates artists and their creative process, connecting audiences with artists in meaningful discourse with its Artists Up Close series of post-show talks, panels, roundtable discussions, workshops, and residencies. Audiences at MCA Stage performances receive one free museum admission with each ticket stub on the performance date or during the following week. For information and tickets, call the MCA Box Office at 312.397.4010 or visit www.mcachicago.org.

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WWW.FUGARDCHICAGO2010.ORG is a partnership between Remy Bumppo, Court Theatre, TimeLine Theatre Company and the League of Chicago Theaters in launching a collaborative website to promote Chicago's season of Fugard. The lineup begins with TimeLine's production of *'Master Harold'...and the Boys* (Jan. 20 - March 21), followed by Remy Bumppo's *The Island* (Jan. 27 - March 7, 2010), and concludes with Court Theatre's production of *Sizwe Banzi Is Dead* (May 13 - June 13, 2010). The website includes detailed information about all three plays and offers theatre-goers a chance to purchase a 3-play pass for \$75.