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Announcing Remy Bumppo Theatre Company's 2022 – 2023 Season of Shows

Celebrating the resilience of the human spirit, our need for creative self-expression,
and the never-ending desire for emotional connection

CHICAGO – Remy Bumppo Theatre Company returns to the stage for its 2022-2023 season with three plays that celebrate the resilience of the human spirit, our need for creative self-expression, and the never-ending desire for emotional connection. Examining the unexpected relationships that are born in life-altering circumstances, these bold, provocative works will capture your imagination with electrifying, language-driven, funny, unique, heart-wrenching stories. All three plays will be performed at Theater Wit, 1229 West Belmont Avenue in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood.

"In my second season as Artistic Director of Remy Bumppo Theatre Company, I am thrilled to bring to the stage three plays that are all about people whose journeys are about to take unexpected turns; **ROUTES** by **Rachel De-lahay**, **ANNA IN THE TROPICS** by **Nilo Cruz**, and **GOD'S SPIES** by **Bill Cain**," says **Marti Lyons**. "Driven both by forces outside of their control, and their own needs and desires, each person in these works find themselves in a moment where their whole future hangs on their next decision."

"Remy Bumppo has always produced plays that speak to the current moment--this season is no different. Each one of these plays seizes on themes and feelings we are all grappling with," says **Executive Director Margaret McCloskey**. "I am especially proud to feature plays that showcase the breadth of talented artists working in Chicago right now, and introduce our audience to thrilling voices in playwriting."

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SEASON AT A GLANCE:

ROUTES

by Rachel De-lahay

Directed by Mikael Burke, featuring Core Ensemble Member Terry Bell

An American Premiere

October 12, 2022 - November 20, 2022

Olufemi hopes to return home to his family. Bashir wants to remain in the only home he knows. Kola yearns to find home in a place that's never felt like one. Rachel De-lahay's shattering, urgent new play looks through the eyes of immigrants, refugees, and children in conflict with the law as they fight to get home through an impossibly complex system designed to keep them out.

ANNA IN THE TROPICS

by Nilo Cruz

Directed by Laura Alcalá Baker, featuring Core Ensemble Member Charín Alvarez

The first major revival in Chicago in 20 years

February 8 - March 19, 2023

In a Cuban American cigar factory just outside Ybor City in 1929, a charismatic lector reads *Anna Karenina* aloud to pass the hours. As Anna's passions are enunciated, the workers' hidden desires bubble to the surface, becoming a powder keg that must eventually explode in the Florida heat. Nilo Cruz's passionate classic shines an unrelenting light on the search for identity in the American landscape.

GOD'S SPIES

by Bill Cain

Directed by Artistic Director Marti Lyons, featuring Core Ensemble Member Linda Gillum

A World Premiere

April 5 - May 14, 2023

London, 1603. A famous playwright is beset by self-doubt after writing the world's greatest play, *Hamlet*. The plague grips the city, and the playwright is forced into quarantine with an idealistic young lawyer and a shrewd sex-worker. As the city burns just outside their door, they turn to creativity in order to survive, and a new masterpiece is born from the ashes. Bill Cain's ***God's Spies*** is a funny and heart-wrenching love-letter to Shakespeare and the value of art during times of struggle.



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All productions in Remy Bumpo Theatre Company's season will be performed at Theater Wit, 1229 West Belmont Avenue in Chicago. Visit RemyBumpo.org for more information on subscriptions and single ticket sales.

Underwriting support for **ANNA IN THE TROPICS and the 2022-2023 Season** is generously provided by Brenda and James Grusecki. Additional support of the 2022-2023 Season is generously provided by Geoffrey A. Anderson, Lynne and George Simon, and Charlotte Toerber. Remy Bumpo's programs and operations are partially funded by the Paul M. Angell Family Foundation, the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, the Illinois Arts Council, the MacArthur Foundation for Arts and Culture at Prince Charitable Trusts, and the Shubert Foundation.

ABOUT REMY BUMPPO THEATRE COMPANY

Remy Bumpo Theatre Company expands and enriches their community's view of the world, and their own, by producing both the great plays of the past and the important plays of today. As an ensemble-driven theater company, Remy Bumpo authors a more humane culture that listens to, and seeks to understand, the voices, the ideas and the stories of one another.

Since its inception in 1996, Remy Bumpo has produced a blend of modern classics, new adaptations and complex contemporary works, all presented in an intimate setting with clarity, wit and passion. We invite audiences to engage directly with the art through conversation with the artists.

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