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Tellin' Tales Theatre Presents: Classroom Drama
Teachers Tell Tales Out of School

CHICAGO — Teacher/performers from Tellin' Tales Theatre test their limits in *Classroom Drama*, running for two weekends July 22 through July 31, at Prop Thtr, 3502 N. Elston Ave. Three solo performers with and without disabilities— Beth Ann Bryant-Richards, Tekki Lomnicki and Lily Be—share their hilarious stories straight from the smoky Teacher's Lounge of their minds. Each night they will be joined by a different Substitute Teacher from Chicago's thriving Live Lit community ranging from an instructor in a women's prison to a Catholic elementary school teacher who imparts life lessons through Beatles songs. The Opening night performance/fundraiser on Friday, July 22 includes an After Party on stage with the cast and crew. All tickets are available at www.tellintales.org.

Lily Be, creator of *The Stoop*, explores unconventional teaching throughout her life in *Born to Teach*.

In her solo piece, *We Don't Need No Education*, Beth Ann Bryant-Richards teeters on the edge of insanity as she looks for a balance between common sense and book smarts.

You Damn Kids follows Tekki Lomnicki through her 105° journey through the levels of summer theater Hell wrangling kids with and without disabilities for the first time.

Substitute Teachers include Heather Schwartz, 7/22; Lindsay Porter, 7/23; Tori Rosin Szekeres, 7/24; Jill Howe, 7/29; Jack Murphy, 7/30 and James Gordon, 7/31.

Classroom Drama runs approximately an hour and a half and is appropriate for ages 14 years and older. Sign language interpretation and audio description will be provided at the Saturday, July 30 performance.

The mission of Tellin' Tales Theatre is to shatter barriers between the disabled and non-disabled worlds through the transformative power of personal story. We bring together children and adults from both communities to share their stories in theatrically innovative productions and programs to promote awareness, understanding and acceptance.

The 2016 Season – Tellin' Tales 20th Anniversary Season - is made possible by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council and the City Arts grant from the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.

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Listing Information:

Tellin' Tales Theatre Presents:

Classroom Drama

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Prop Thtr

3502 N. Elston Ave.

Chicago, IL 60618

Tickets available at www.tellintales.org

Opening Night Performance/After Party Fundraiser

Friday, July 22 at 8:00 p.m

Tickets are \$40.00 (\$42.74 w/service fee)

Note: Performance-only tickets will not be available

Meet the cast and crew, and help Tellin' Tales further its mission by celebrating performances by three solo performers with and without disabilities joined by members of Chicago's thriving Live Lit community. Your \$40 donation includes the show, delicious appetizers, beer, wine and martinis. *The price of your ticket is tax deductible to the extent provided by law.*

Regular Performance Dates:

Saturdays, July 23 and 30 at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, July 29 at 8:00 p.m.

Sundays, July 24 and 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular prices are as follows:

Adults: \$20.00 (\$21.69 w/service fee)

Students/Disabled: \$15.00 (\$16.52 w/service fee)

Group discounts are available for groups of 10 or more, call 312-540-1330.

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