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Youngblood Theatre returns, this time aimed to lift SPIRITS with superheroes and Shakespeare

Milwaukee, WI – Youngblood Theatre Company presents the Milwaukee premiere of SPIRITS TO ENFORCE by Mickle Maher from April 22 – May 9 at the Miller & Campbell Costume Services building, 907 1st Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204.

In **SPIRITS TO ENFORCE**, twelve superheroes try to raise money via a phone bank in their secret submarine for their upcoming production of William Shakespeare's THE TEMPEST.

"The show is fascinating exploration of language and Shakespeare that defies theatrical convention," says Artistic Director **Michael Cotey**, who makes his directing debut with SPIRITS. "But it's also absurd, lighthearted and fun – an exciting change of pace from some of recent gloom earlier in our season."

Cotey is referring to the senseless stabbing of co-founder **Andrew Voss** in January. While Andrew has been able to make a full recovery, the incident forced Youngblood to abruptly cancel their critically praised production of RED LIGHT WINTER after only one weekend. This is Youngblood first production since the cancellation.

"Mickle Maher's style is unlike anything I've seen on a Milwaukee stage," says Cotey. "There is much I don't want to give away about the show, but we are very excited to share Mickle's work with our audience."

Playwright Mickle Maher, a co-founder of Chicago's Theater Oobleck, has been named one of the top 50 theatre professionals in Chicago and is frequently praised for being one of the most original voices in American theater today.

The cast includes **Tess Cinpinski, Grace DeWolff, Adrian Feliciano, Kyle Gallagher-Schmitz, T. Stacy Hicks, Daniel Koester, Mike Loranger, Cathlyn Melvin, April Paul, David Rothrock, Dustin Schmaus, and Sara Zientek.**

Tickets are available for **\$15** through the Alchemist Theatre's web site: www.alchemisttheatre.com. For direct ticket purchases, visit the Alchemist Theatre's web site. For more information visit www.youngbloodtheatre.com.

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SPIRITS TO ENFORCE by MICKLE MAHER

April 22 – May 9, 2010

Directed by Michael Cotey

Featuring Tess Cinpinski, Grace DeWolff, Adrian Feliciano, Kyle Gallagher-Schmitz, T. Stacy Hicks, Daniel Koester, Mike Loranger, Cathlyn Melvin, April Paul, David Rothrock, Dustin Schmaus, and Sara Zientek.

SYNOPSIS

Twelve superheroes take up residence in a secret submarine to hold a fundraising drive for their upcoming production of William Shakespeare’s THE TEMPEST. Seriously. Infusing elements of Shakespeare’s language, comic book lore, and choral arrangement, Mickle Maher’s SPIRITS TO ENFORCE is a uniquely theatrical experience not to be missed.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE – all tickets \$15.00

April 22 – May 9, 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tue	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				22 7:30pm ^O	23 8:00pm	24 8:00pm
25	26	27	28	29 7:30pm	30 8:00pm	May 1 8:00pm
2 3:00pm	3 7:30pm ^P	4	5	6 7:30pm	7 8:00pm	8 8:00pm
9 3:00pm ^C	O = Opening; P = Pay What You Can; C = Closing.					

VENUE

Miller & Campbell Costume Services
907 1ST Street
Milwaukee, WI 53204

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH

The.Alchemist.Theatre@gmail.com
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About YOUNGBLOOD THEATRE COMPANY

Youngblood Theatre Company's mission is to support Milwaukee's emerging theatre artists by creating unique professional experiences for early-career actors and technicians.

Barely a year old, Youngblood has achieved local and national attention. The ensemble aggressively debuted in July with a three-play festival (DAVID'S REDHAIRED DEATH, SAVAGE IN LIMBO, and the world premiere of GOD BRIDGE) at three different venues in Milwaukee. In October, Youngblood participated in the national reading of THE LARAMIE PROJECT: TEN YEARS LATER along with 150 other theatre companies worldwide. Youngblood was one of two Wisconsin entities to participate and the only Milwaukee company to host the reading.

SPIRITS TO ENFORCE completes Youngblood's Season 2 following the company's critically praised production of RED LIGHT WINTER. This summer Youngblood will debut another world premiere by resident playwright Benjamin James Wilson, which the company will then take to the Minnesota Fringe Festival in Minneapolis.

"The company has the potential depth to be another Theater X, and with time and stellar mentoring, Youngblood could be a future Steppenwolf." – Third Coast Digest

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