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**Elemental Theatre presents Neo-Futurists' *44 PLAYS FOR 44 PRESIDENTS*,  
serves as the Rhode Island representative of national  
*PLAYS FOR PRESIDENTS* festival.**

**Providence, RI** (September 17, 2012) — Elemental Theatre Collective is excited to be a part of the inaugural nation-wide 2012 *PLAYS FOR PRESIDENTS FESTIVAL*, which is creating a national network of theatres producing *44 PLAYS FOR 44 PRESIDENTS*, a landmark show for the Chicago Neo-Futurists, a cutting edge theatre group known for their long-running (and constantly-evolving) late night show *TOO MUCH LIGHT MAKES THE BABY GO BLIND*. Their work relies on short, stylistically diverse vignettes to create a larger, thematically-linked tapestry. *44 PLAYS...* is exactly what it's title suggests: a series of brief "mini-plays", each focused on a different Chief Executive. *44 PLAYS FOR 44 PRESIDENTS* is a fast-paced and irreverent travelogue through the American Presidency, and our shared history.

The 2012 *PLAYS FOR PRESIDENTS FESTIVAL* is the brainchild of co-author Andy Bayiates, who sought to spearhead forty-four separate productions of the play nationally, on every level, culminating during the 2012 presidential election. He approached Elemental because, "Elemental Theatre Collective... is the kind of company that's very dear to me... because they're successful, innovative, and a magnet for young audiences." The Festival aims to encourage dialogue about our shared political and national history during a time of ever-increasing partisanship and divisiveness. The Festival and the play celebrate the "long view" of our history and our future; Elemental, needless to say, was honored and thrilled to represent Rhode Island, which has itself played a disproportionately large role in shaping this country.

*44 PLAYS FOR 44 PRESIDENTS* is, above all else, a thrilling and unique piece of theatre. Five authors weave varying theatrical styles (comedy, musical, somber tragedy, dance and movement and improv, among others) into an wildly energetic breakneck joyride through history. It marries copious use of audio and video and direct on-the-record quotations to performers channeling the inimitable Neo-Futurist style: honest, playful, fearless, intelligent, and fun. It's the perfect fit for Elemental, and we can't wait to bring this Rhode Island premiere to life in November.

**Elemental Theatre Collective's** production of *44 PLAYS FOR 44 PRESIDENTS* (by Andy Bayiates, Sean Benjamin, Genevra Gallo-Bayiates, Chloe Johnston, and Karen Weinberg; directed by Dave Rabinow) runs for only five shows: Thursday through Sunday (November 1 -4) and our *ELECTION NIGHT SPECTACULAR* on November 6. All shows are at the 95 Empire Black Box Theatre. Shows at 7:00 pm (Sunday at 2:00 pm). All tickets are \$15, payable with cash, check, or credit card at the door, or via Brown Paper Tickets. Information available at [www.elementaltheatre.org](http://www.elementaltheatre.org) or by calling (401) 447-3001.

## ATTENTION CALENDAR EDITORS

### DETAILS AT A GLANCE

## *44 Plays For 44 Presidents*

- PLAYWRIGHTS:** Andy Bayiates, Sean Benjamin, Genevra Gallo-Bayiates,  
Chloe Johnston, and Karen Weinberg
- DIRECTOR:** Dave Rabinow
- CAST:** Melissa Bowler, Rebecca Noon, Kelly Seigh, Clara Weishahn,  
Stuart Wilson, and Musician Dylan Block-Harley
- LOCATION:** 95 Empire Black Box  
95 Empire Street  
Providence, RI 02903
- PERFORMANCE DATES:** Thursday, November 1 through Sunday, November 4
- ELECTION NIGHT SPECTACULAR:** Tuesday, November 6
- PERFORMANCE TIMES:** 7:00 pm (Sundays 2:00pm)
- TICKETS:** \$15, cash/check/credit card at the door  
OR via Brown Paper Tickets  
Information available at (401) 447-3001 or  
[www.elementaltheatre.org](http://www.elementaltheatre.org)
- PRESS NIGHT** Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 7:00pm
- REVIEWERS RSVP** (401) 447-3001

### *44 Plays for 44 Presidents* / Performance Calendar

Thu 11/1– 7:00 pm

Fri 11/2– 7:00 pm

Sat 11/3 – 7:00 pm

Sun 11/4 – 2:00 pm

Tue 11/6– 7:00 pm