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***Bare Stages* – Elemental Theatre presents a new Reading Series**

February 4 through March 11 at 95 Empire

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Elemental Theatre Collective believes that sometimes the great plays of tomorrow emerge from great struggle. So last month, **ETC** approached four local playwrights and asked them to bring to the table a play that they were struggling with.

Bare Stages: New Plays in Various States of Undress is a reading series that grew out of that request. One of the goals of the evening is to expose audiences to the playwrights' process, and in turn to ask the playwrights to share an unfinished work with their audience, to see if the act of showing it will spark an answer.

ETC Artistic Director **Alexander Platt** explains, "These are not perfect plays. We don't want perfect plays. We want obsessions. We want mess. We want ideas that wake you up at 3:30 in the morning."

Bare Stages will feature the works of **Lawrence Goodman**, a former Huntington Theatre Playwriting Fellow; **Steve Kidd**, Resident Actor and Education Director at **The Gamm Theatre**; **Katie Hughes**, a Rhode Island native and Resident Artist at Elemental; and **Dave Rabinow**, who teaches playwriting at the Gamm Studio, Providence College and Trinity Rep's Young Artists Summer Institute, and is a founding member of Elemental.

Platt will direct the first three readings, with **Caroline Azano** (Education Director at **Trinity Rep**) making her ETC directing debut at the helm of the final reading in the series. The performers include Sam Appleman, D'Arcy Dersham, Richard Donnelly, Tom Gleadow, Nate Goncalo, Emeline Herreid, and Jim O'Brien.

Bare Stages will be presented at the 95 Empire Black Box, February 4 through March 11, Monday nights at 7:30 pm. Tickets are first-come, first-served with a \$5 suggested donation. Visit www.elementaltheatre.org for more information about individual readings.

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About the Series

Bare Stages: New Plays in Various States of Undress

A Reading Series by Elemental Theatre

Monday Night Readings:

Monday, February 4, 7:30 – ***The Dybbuk*** by Lawrence Goodman
directed by Alexander Platt
featuring D’Arcy Dersham, Nate Goncalo, Emeline Herreid, and Dave Rabinow

Monday, February 11, 7:30 – ***Robust*** or ***Other Things*** by Steve Kidd
directed by Alexander Platt
featuring Sam Appleman, Richard Donnelly, Tom Gleadow, Marc Mancini, Jim O’Brien, Dave Rabinow

Monday, February 25, 7:30 – ***Untitled*** by Katie Hughes
directed by Alexander Platt

Monday, March 11, 7:30 – ***Ghost Story*** by Dave Rabinow
directed by Caroline Azano

About Elemental Theatre Collective

The seed for Elemental was planted in the fall of 1999, when the Trinity Rep Conservatory Class of ’02 met for the first time. During three years of intensive learning and collaboration, the students became a tight-knit group of theater artists. The Collective was founded in the summer of 2004, and has mounted a wide array of productions, from full-length dramas, to late-night live radio plays, to cutting-edge original work, to free summer tours presented across Rhode Island. What links these diverse projects is a commitment to providing affordable theatre that surprises, challenges, and excites our audience and our artists.

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ATTENTION CALENDAR EDITORS

DETAILS AT A GLANCE

Bare Stages: New Plays in Various States of Undress

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| DATES and TIMES | See Below |
| VENUE | 95 Empire Black Box 95 Empire Street Providence, RI 02903 |
| RESERVATIONS | First come, first served Box Office opens 7:00 pm |
| TICKET PRICE | Suggested Donation \$5 |

Bare Stages | Performance Calendar

Mon 2/4 - 7:30 pm - *The Dybbuk* by Lawrence Goodman, directed by Alexander Platt
Mon 2/11 - 7:30 pm - *Robust or Other Things* by Steve Kidd, directed by Alexander Platt
Mon 2/25 - 7:30 pm - *Untitled* by Katie Hughes, directed by Alexander Platt
Mon 3/11 - 7:30 pm - *Ghost Story* by Dave Rabinow, directed by Caroline Azano