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Tellin' Tales Theatre Presents: Phobias
A Solo Performance Complex

CHICAGO — Performers from Tellin' Tales Theatre reveal their various neuroses in *Phobias*, running for two weekends July 17 through July 26, at Prop Thtr, 3502 N. Elston Ave. Opening night is Friday, July 17, at 8:00 p.m., followed by a Frighteningly Fabulous After Party on stage with the cast and crew. Three neurotic solo performers with and without disabilities— Michael Herzovi, Tekki Lomnicki and Rosemary Postula—share their hilarious stories straight from the psychiatrist's couch. Each night they will be joined by a different fraidy cat from Chicago's thriving Live Lit community ranging from a Zumba instructor with Coulrophobia (an abnormal fear of clowns) to a disability advocate who is terrified of Republicans.

In *They're Everywhere!*, Michael Herzovi admits his aversion to crawly things.

Tekki Lomnicki's *Baggage Handler* is a testament to the terrors of performing to an audience of texters, snackers and critics.

In *Just Kill Me Now* Rosemary Postula spends a paralyzing 15 minutes trapped in an elevator with her fears and the unwitting audience of another passenger.

Fraidy cats include Jill Howe, Amy Eaton, Mike Ervin, James Sweeny, Trice Turner and Mark Schab. *Phobias* runs approximately an hour and a half and is geared towards fans 14 years and older. Sign language interpretation and audio description will be provided at the Sunday, July 19 performance.

The mission of Tellin' Tales Theatre is to shatter barriers between the disabled and able-bodied 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 2015 Season is made possible by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council and the City Arts grant from the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.

Listing Information:

Tellin' Tales Theatre Presents:
Phobias

Solo Performances by Michael Herzovi, Tekki Lomnicki and Rosemary Postula
Storytelling by fraidy cats Jill Howe, 7/17; Amy Eaton, 7/18; Mike Ervin, 7/19; James Sweeny, 7/24; Trice Turner, 7/25 and Mark Schab, 7/26.

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Opening Night Performance and Frighteningly Fabulous After Party:

Friday, July 17 at 8:00 p.m

Prop Thtr, 3502 N. Elston Ave.

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

Note: Performance-only tickets will not be available

Regular Performance Dates:

July 17 - July 26th, 2015

Friday, July 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays, July 18 and 25 at 8:00 p.m.

Sundays, July 19 and 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Prop Thtr

3502 N. Elston Ave.

Chicago, IL 60818

Tickets are now available at www.tellintales.org

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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Meet the cast and crew, and help Tellin' Tales further its mission by celebrating neurotic 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. *Please note: Performance-only tickets not available on opening night.*

The entire price of your ticket is a tax-deductible donation, in support of the artistic and community engagement programs that Tellin' Tales Theatre has fostered for over 18 years.

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