



RENEGADE THEATRE FESTIVAL

AUGUST 18-20, 2011

THEATRE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE BOX



*Map not to Scale

- A** Chrome Cat
226 E. Grand River
- B** Perspective2
319 E. Grand River
- C** Absolute Gallery
307 E. Grand River
- D** MICA Gallery
1210 Turner St.
- E** Creole Gallery
1218 Turner St.

- F** The Red Cedar Friends Meeting House
1400 Turner St.
- G** The Warehouse
Corner of Turner & Beaver Sts.
- H** Mustang
1215 Turner St.
- Turner Mini-Park
- Information Tent

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Renegade Evening, August 18-20

PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS	7pm	9pm
A CHROME CAT	Two Playlets from <i>One Mouth Laughing</i> Riverwalk Theatre	<i>Good Boys and True</i> MSU Theatre
B PERSPECTIVE2	<i>Once Upon a Psych Ward</i> Ruhala Performing Arts Center **	<i>A History Lesson</i> Ruhala Performing Arts Center ***
C ABSOLUTE GALLERY	<i>Estate Sale</i> Sandra Seaton	<i>Dead Man's Shoes</i> Williamston Theatre ***
D MICA GALLERY	<i>Choreography</i> Katie Doyle	Songs from <i>Bare</i> Touch Your Soul Productions * <i>Othello</i> TASC ***
E CREOLE GALLERY	<i>Drive-In</i> MMFT <i>Mini-Vaudeville</i> Blue Light Players	<i>Loving Alanis</i> Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
G THE WAREHOUSE	<i>Fingerpaint</i> Paul Bourne	<i>Sarah Kane: An Experiment in Life</i> LCC Theatre
H MUSTANG	<i>Amateur Nite</i> The Puppet Theatre	<i>Everybody Wins</i> J'esse Deardorff-Green

Friday/Saturday ONLY

Saturday ONLY
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Thursday ONLY
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Renegade NOW: New Original Works

THE RED CEDAR FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE	7pm		9pm	
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 1	Room 2
Thurs.	<i>Children of the Sun</i>	<i>Fugue</i>	<i>The Kindness of Strangers</i>	<i>Strange Bedfellows</i>
Fri.	<i>To Be</i>	<i>This is a Play</i>	<i>Children of the Sun</i>	<i>Fugue</i>
Sat.	<i>The Kindness of Strangers</i>	<i>Strange Bedfellows</i>	<i>To Be</i>	<i>This is a Play</i>

* A talk-back will follow each performance



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Renegade Kids, August 20

PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS	ALL SHOWS AT 1, 2 & 3pm
A CHROME CAT	<i>Adventures of Wanda & Wendall</i> —Kellie Stonebrook
B PERSPECTIVE2	<i>Story Book Story Theatre</i> —All-Of-Us Express
D MICA GALLERY	<i>Trial of Hansel & Gretel</i> —MMFT
E CREOLE GALLERY	<i>Wagon Tales</i> —Phoenix Players

Renegade Music, August 18-20

		6–7pm	8–9pm
 TURNER MINI-PARK	Thurs	<i>Cuatro Sur</i> Spanish Rumba Flamenca & Latin Am.	<i>Elevator Conspiracy</i> R&B, Lounge, Bossa Nova
	Fri	<i>Cindy McElroy</i> Folk & Jazz	<i>Brad Fowler & Mike Eyia</i> Latin Jazz
	Sat	<i>Mike Ross</i> Americana & Folk	<i>Wisaal</i> Arabic Fusion
		12:15–1pm	1:30–2pm 2:30–3pm
	Sat	<i>Jackson Alspaugh</i> Country/Youth Artist	<i>Karl Zollner</i> Storytime from Potter Park Zoo

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EVENING PRODUCTIONS

Amateur Nite

Puppets run the show in this zany, behind-the-scenes look at an amateur nite competition with live performers including The Strongest Man in the County, the Mazel Tov Dancers, and ventriloquist Senor Gonzales with his side-kick Pepe.

The Puppet Theatre / Playwright/Director: Fred Engelgau / Actors: Teri Brown, Lisa Buch, Marianne Chan, Brian de Vries, Trisha Kosloski, James Sanford, David Schneider, Jeff Wilson, Sineh Wurie
Location: The Mustang / **Date/Times:** 7 pm, Thurs. 8/18, Fri. 8/19, Sat. 8/20 / 30 minutes / All ages

Bare

A selection of songs from *Bare*, a musical about a group of high school seniors at a Catholic boarding school facing issues of sexuality and personal identity.

Touch Your Soul Productions / Director: Dennis Corsi
Music Director: Peter Liu / **Lyrics:** Jon Hartmere, Jr.
Music: Damon Intribartolo / **Actors:** Christopher Robinson, Michal Kolaczowski, Erika Moul, Krista Delong, Eric Miller, April Townsend, Graham Lundeen, Ricky Hernandez, Neva Keuroglian, Brittany Nicol / **Location:** MICA Gallery
Date/Times: 9 pm, Thurs. 8/18 ONLY / 45 minutes
Young adult & up

Choreography

It's time to move the clocks ahead, Dad is ready for the midnight dance, but Mom is waiting for her son to come home. Sometimes change comes at a cost.

Playwright: Lisa Dahlborg / **Director:** Katie Doyle (independent) / **Actors:** Katie Doyle, Rico Bruce Wade
Location: MICA Gallery / **Date/Times:** 7 pm, Thurs. 8/18, Fri. 8/19, Sat. 8/20 / 20 minutes / Teen-Adult

Dead Man's Shoes

It's 1883 and the notorious outlaw Injun Bill Picote has escaped from prison, along with a hard-luck drunk named Froggy. The unlikely partners endure trials and bizarre misadventures as they set out to right a terrible wrong in this outrageous dark comedy about life, friendship and vengeance in the Wild West.

Williamston Theatre / Playwright: Joseph Zettelmaier
Director: David Wolber / **Actors:** John Lepard, Aral Gribble, Paul Hopper, Maggie Meyer
Location: Absolute Gallery / **Date/Times:** 9 pm, Fri. 8/19, Sat. 8/20 ONLY / 2 hours / Adult

Drive In

A comedy.

Mid-Michigan Family Theatre / Playwright: Richard Hallesen / Director: Bill Gordon / Location: Creole Gallery / Date/Times: 7 pm, Thurs. 8/18, Fri. 8/19, Sat. 8/20 / 45 minutes / Teen-Adult

Estate Sale

A racially mixed couple (Fred and Sheila) whose political views are also mixed (she's an ultra-liberal, he's a right-winger), a scheming contractor (Vlad), a battle-ready, over-sexed estate sale dealer (Roxie) and assorted workmen and customers create that blend of agony and ecstasy known as an "estate sale."

Playwright: Sandra Seaton (Independent)
Director: Barton Bund / **Location:** Absolute Gallery
Date/Times: 7 pm, Thurs. 8/18, Fri. 8/19, Sat. 8/20 / 90 minutes / Adult

Everybody Wins

Two terminally unhappy Chicagoans pursue desperate theatrical measures to escape the depression and mediocrity of their lives.

Playwright/Director: J'esse Deardorff-Green (Independent) / **Actors:** Trisha Kosloski, Brian de Vries, Jesse Deardorff-Green / **Location:** The Mustang
Date/Times: 9 pm, Thurs. 8/18, Fri. 8/19, Sat. 8/20 / 20 minutes / Teen-Adult

Two Playlets from "One Mouth Laughing."

Explain Yourself

Characters from Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot," "Krapp's Last Tape," and "Happy Days" gang up on their author, demanding answers. Includes an original song written and performed by Tom Heideman.

Taking Over Your Life

A family intervention when the son becomes addicted to writing poetry.

Riverwalk Theatre / Director: Jane Zussman
Actors: Michael Erwine, Matt Land, John Roche, Sarah Sonnenberg, Jane Zussman, Mark Zussman
Location: Chrome Cat / **Date/Times:** 7 pm, Thurs. 8/18, Fri. 8/19, Sat. 8/20 / 45 minutes / Adult



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Fingerprint

The impact a chance meeting can have on our lives: Brush lives in a comfortable, plain world. While enjoying a typical day he is met by Inspiration, and his life is completely redecorated. (Please note: There will be a splatter zone; please dress accordingly if you would like to participate.)

Playwright/Director: Paul Bourne (Independent)

Actors: Amelia Rogocka, Shane Schanski

Location: The Warehouse / **Date/Times:** 7 pm, Thurs. 8/18, Fri. 8/19, Sat. 8/20 | 30 minutes / All Ages

Good Boys and True

Set in a private boy's school, *Good Boys and True* examines a scandal by exploring class and social identity. This psychologically charged drama uncovers the real motivations for the graphic and exploitative sex tape found in a locker at the East Coast prep school.

MSU Theatre / Playwright: Roberto Aguirre Sacasa

Director: Rob Roznowski / **Actors:** Dana Brazil, Wes Haskell, Leslie Hull, Brandon Piper, Edward O'Ryan, Emily Young / **Location:** Chrome Cat

Date/Times: 9 pm, Thurs. 8/18, Fri. 8/19, Sat. 8/20
2 hours / Adult

Loving Alanis

Jessica is a young woman, emotionally adrift. After breaking up with Evan, her slacker boyfriend, Jessica meets Luke, an older man with a lot to offer. Evan jumps back into the fray and the two guys start hanging out, Jessica's older girlfriend, Ronnie, adds her two cents, and Ronnie and Luke vow to teach the two 30-somethings what it means to be "a man" and "a woman." Yeah, right.

Peppermint Creek Theatre

Playwright/Director: Brad Rutledge / **Actors:** Kat Cooper, Joe Dickson, Angharad McGaughey, Brad Rutledge / **Location:** Creole Gallery

Date/Times: 9 pm, Thurs. 8/18, Fri. 8/19, Sat. 8/20 / 1 hour 45 minutes / Adult

Mini-Vaudeville Revue

Vaudeville style musical revue, featuring Broadway song/dance acts and comedic skits.

Blue Light Players / Director: Helen Hart and Dan Southwell / **Actors:** John Hart Franke, Philip Hart Franke, Taylor Hartley, Meghan Malusek, Cecilia Rivet
Location: Creole Gallery / **Date/Times:** 7 pm, Thurs. 8/18, Fri. 8/19, Sat. 8/20 / 20 minutes / Family

Once Upon a Psych Ward

Four girls straight-jacketed by a boxed-in society find understanding and are left shocked! This play with music will make you laugh, cry and question reality on a journey of self-discovery.

Ruhala Performing Arts Center / Playwrights: Lisa Buch, Emma Fedorchuk, Kielely Putmon, Carmen Zavala / **Director:** Mark Ruhala / **Music and Musical Direction:** Jeff English / **Lyrics:** Lisa Buch, Emma Fedorchuk, Kielely Putmon, Carmen Zavala & Jeff English / **Actors:** Lisa Buch, Emma Fedorchuk, Kielely Putmon, Carmen Zavala / **Location:** Perspective2 / **Date/Times:** 7 pm, Sat. 8/20 ONLY | 75 minutes / Teen-Adult

Othello

The American Shakespeare Collective's second installment of *Othello* in a concert reading. With each reading the performance piece becomes more refined, bringing us closer to our finished product slated for 2012. **TASC / Director:** Vincent Murphy / **Actors:** Christina Traister, Janet Haley, Bill Irwin, Tommy Gomez, John Neville Andrews, Mark Colsen / **Location:** MICA Gallery / **Date/Times:** 9 pm, Fri. 8/19, Sat. 8/20 ONLY
90 minutes / Young Adult-Adult

Sarah Kane: An Experiment in Life

A look at life's longing, the courage to face the things we deeply need and want as humans, and the fears or traumas that may obscure our desires. These characters fight for the truth behind the fog, their truth, their fog. Kane is a phenomenal wordsmith following the details of our hearts, looking for light.

LCC Theatre / Playwright: Sarah Kane

Director: Deborah Keller / **Actors:** Storm Boyer, Scott Crandall, Devin Faught, Michelle Savala
Location: The Warehouse / **Date/Times:** 9 pm, Thurs. 8/18, Fri. 8/19, Sat. 8/20 / 60 minutes / Adult

The History Lesson

A high school senior changes history; his-story, and the history teacher that flunks him. A contemporary tale of the struggle students, teachers, and parents face in education, exploring and asking questions about: what happens to the open minds of young people and the opening of minds of adults?

Ruhala Performing Arts Center / Playwright: Mark Ruhala / **Actors:** Jeff English, Celina Ruhala, Eddy Lee, Carmen Zavala, Steven Van Dyke / **Location:** Perspective2 / **Date/Times:** 9 pm, Sat. 8/20 ONLY | 70 minutes / Teen-Adult

RENEGADE NOW

New Original Works

Children of the Sun

A bizarre, cerebral dramady in which a man tries to grasp at love and reality in an insane world while a woman draws herself away from what's real and embraces the insane.

Playwright/Director: Scott Crandall

Date/Times: 7pm, Thurs. 8/18, 9pm, Fri. 8/19

Fugue

How does memory shape identity? In a blank institutional space, James, Julie, Tina and Princess Stephanie recover from a shared tragic event that resulted in the complete loss of their memories.

Playwright: Audra Lord / **Director:** Ann Marie Foley

Date/Times: 7pm, Thurs. 8/18, 9pm, Fri. 8/19

Strange Bedfellows

A screwball comedy set in the world of arch-conservative Orange County politics.

Playwrights: Andrew Black and Patricia Milton

Director: Michael Hayes

Date/Times: 9pm, Thurs. 8/18, 7pm, Sat. 8/20

The Kindness of Strangers

The definition of motherhood and the consequences of being kind even to the vilest of people.

Playwright: David Landskroener

Director: Devon Brooks

Date/Times: 9pm, Thurs. 8/18, 7pm, Sat. 8/20

To Be

Jane struggles to come to terms with her gender identity and sexual preference.

Playwright: Jen Sikora

Director: Marianne Bacon

Date/Times: 7pm, Fri. 8/19, 9pm, Sat. 8/20

This is a Play

A man seeks to both reconcile and banish the failed past that has shaped him, while also casting a fractal eye on the creative process itself. Identity is constantly called into question, as are traditional conceptions of narrative.

Playwright: J'esse Deardorff-Green

Director: Deborah Keller

Date/Times: 7pm, Fri. 8/19, 9pm, Sat. 8/20

RENEGADE KIDS

Story Book Story Theatre

Actors will use improvisational acting techniques, random topics and audience suggestions to create dialogue, setting and plot for a spontaneous performance.

All-of-us-Express Children's Theatre Summer Touring Troupe / Playwrights: Youth-created

Director: Miranda Sue Hartmann / **Actors:** All-of-us Express Touring Troupe participants and alumni

Location: Perspective2 / 45 minutes / All ages

The Trial of Hansel and Gretel

Mid-Michigan Family Theatre / **Director:** Bill Gordon

Location: MICA Gallery / 45 minutes / All ages

Wagon Tales

An original play by the Phoenix Players based on Aesop's Fables.

Phoenix Players Phire Phlies Youth Acting Troupe

Director: Anne C. Levy / **Actors:** Cassidy Connolly,

Eleise Oyster, Bailey Hannah, Ava Carter,

McKenna Sabon, Brendon Connolly, Adam Leshok,

Brendon Cassidy

Location: Creole Gallery / 45 minutes / All ages

The Adventures of Wanda and Wendall

Wanda, the wacky witch and her pet dragon, Wendall, get into all sorts of silly adventures together.

Playwright/Director: Kellie Stonebrook (Independent)

Actors: Kellie Stonebrook (and Wendall, the puppet, created by Bruce Bennett) / **Location:** The Chrome

Cat / 30 minutes / Young kids & families

Other Festival Offerings

Renegade Kick-off

Join representatives from Lansing area theatres as they unveil their seasons and as we kick-off the festival!

Location: Turner Mini-Park / **Day/Time:** Thurs. at 6pm

Renegade Afterglow

Come celebrate the closing of Renegade's sixth season! Mingle with festival actors, directors, playwrights, and participants as we cap off another great year. Light food and beverages provided. All welcome.

Location: Mustang / **Day/Time:** Sat. at 10pm
Afterglow sponsored by Catherine Groll