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Sacred Fools Theater Company Presents...

THE WORD

Written by & Starring VICTOR ISAAC

Directed by JJ MAYES

Produced for Sacred Fools by SCOTT LEGGETT

Lighting & Video Designer	Allison Faith Sulock
Vocals: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"	
Stage Manager	Ruth Silveira
Camera Tech	
Costume Designer	Linda Muggeridge
Board Operator	
Graphic Design	Corey Klemow
Photography	Scott Leggett

All cast & crew are members of Sacred Fools Theater Company

SPECIAL THANKS: Kristen Boulé, Cindy Caddel-Isaac, Natascha Corrigan Aldridge, Emily Kosloski, Bruno Oliver, Marc Antonio Pritchett, Michéal David Ricks, Jacob Sidney, the Broadwater Plunge & the Hollywood Fringe Festival



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What is

THE WORD

to you?

Thank you for coming to the show. We would love to have you participate in tonight's performance by answering some of the following questions. Please keep your answers as brief as possible: one short sentence.

Friends joining us in person, we would love to record your responses.

Friends joining us via livestream, we would love your answer to #5 ("What do you wish you had more time for?") in the YouTube comments:

1) Who is your best friend?

2) What is something you were blamed for that you didn't do?

3) Tell us when you wanted one thing, but got something different instead.

4) What was something you had to do, but didn't want to?

5) What do you wish you had more time for?

6) What is THE WORD to you? What is the most important word to you - the one word you hold most dear?

WELCOME BACK!

We are so excited to welcome you back to Sacred Fools with Victor Isaac's THE WORD, which opens our 25th Season. So much has changed since March of 2020 when we were forced to shut down just a week after opening the final show of Season 23. Thank you for joining us, whether in person or virtually, and for sticking with us throughout this long hiatus. We are so grateful to our donors and audiences, and we are so happy to be back telling Foolish stories. Even though we've been gone from live stages for a while, we've been working hard behind the scenes: developing work, expanding our EDI commitment, and making physical improvements to our spaces so we can share our work safely both in person and online. Watch for news soon regarding the rest of Season 25 which will include at least one full production and a series of workshops featuring new work we are actively developing. We hope you'll join us for Sacred Fools 2.0: newly-refurbished post-pandemic, but still Foolish in all the ways you've come to expect. We can't wait to share more stories with you!

-Sacred Fools

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are living and working on the unceded territory of the Tongva, Chumash, Gabrieleño, and Kizh people who were the original stewards of this land. We understand that achieving healing and reconciliation will require a long and sustainable commitment; this land acknowledgment is only a first step, but we hope it will help to raise awareness about histories that are often suppressed or forgotten, though very present all around us. We encourage you to look up what land you work on and live on and continue to learn about the indigenous people who made their homes in and around the area we now call Los Angeles.

> Curious what native territory YOU live on? Visit <u>native-land.ca</u>.



Please help the continuing effort to keep our doors open. As a not-for-profit theater we are dependent on YOUR generosity! You can make a difference in our community by keeping art alive.

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CAST & CREW



Victor Isaac (he/him | Writer & Performer) is thrilled to be back on stage at Sacred Fools Theater! Over the last 20 years as a member of the Sacred Fools Community Victor has appeared in various mainstage shows, including *Feet, The Magic Bullet Theory, Tangerine Sunset* and *Hamlet Shut Up.* Victor is grateful to be able to share his one person show with a new audience and hopes to bring a little laughter into your world. Victor would like to thank his wife Cindy and his sons, Alex and

Dylan, for making each day better than the last. I hope you enjoy the show!

JJ Mayes (he/him | Director) has been involved with the Fools for a long time. While there he has directed the full length productions of *The Magic Bullet Theory, Live: From the Last Night of My Life* and *Tangerine Sunset*. He has produced such shows as *Louis & Keely Live at the Sahara, A Kind of Love Story, The Behavior of Broadus*, and their late night offering *Serial Killers*. He has served as Co-Artistic Director and Marketing Director. He would like to dedicate his work on this show to his father, David A. Mayes.

Scott Leggett (he/him | Producer) As an actor, Scott Leggett most recently appeared in the modern farce *Tangerine Sunset* at Sacred Fools. He performed multiple characters in Burglars of Hamm's critically acclaimed production of *Resa Fantastiskt Mystisk*, which won Top of Fringe at the Hollywood Fringe Festival. He was Monster in *Cookie and the Monster* at the Hollywood Fringe Festival '15, which won Best Ensemble. He earned praise playing Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle opposite French Stewart in the critically acclaimed Pasadena Playhouse production of *Stoneface: The Rise and Fall and Rise of Buster Keaton.* Scott is a proud member of Sacred Fools where he played the titular character in *Watson: The Last Great Tale of the Legendary Sherlock Holmes* as well as its sequel *Watson and the Dark Art of Harry Houdini.* Other shows include 43 *Plays for 43 Presidents* and *The Swine Show* in addition to numerous other productions. He studied theater at Penn State University and has appeared in several films, commercials and TV shows.

Scott is also an accomplished director, having staged the hugely successful adaptation of Neil Gaiman's *Neverwhere* at Sacred Fools. He directed *The Poe Show*, which won Best Comedy at the Hollywood Fringe Festival '15. His directorial efforts also include *Skullduggery: The Musical Prequel to Hamlet*, which had its World Premiere at Sacred Fools in 2016. He has also served as Co-Artistic Director of Sacred Fools.

Allison Faith Sulock (she/her | Lighting & Video Designer) has toured the world with musical artists including Paul McCartney, Beyonce, Madonna, and David Gilmour, but loves coming home to L.A. to make art with cool people! As a musician, she can be found performing with Irish rock band, Hounds of Belfast, and playing solo hammered dulcimer. Learn more about her theatrical design, production, and music background at <u>museinitiative.com</u>.

Ruth Silveira (she/her | Stage Manager) is a 20 year member of Sacred Fools Theater Company. In those years she has acted (mostly), directed, written, costumed, and done show laundry. She has also been instrumental in providing ground for two Fool Folk marriages. She is fully vaccinated. Way in her past she performed with an improv group and enjoys improvising to this day.

Aaron Francis (he/him | Camera Tech) was scientifically engineered to survive the harsh conditions of Los Angeles 99 seat theater. Aaron is a proud member of the Sacred Fools theater company (and has been for 22 years), and has designed many many shows here in that time. Most recently, he's designed *The Value of Moscow, Waiting for Waiting for Godot & A Gulag Mouse*. Aaron enjoys long walks through lines of protestors, being told what can't be done, laughing, using his hands to build things, *Steven Universe* and shoe shopping.

Linda Muggeridge (she/her | Costume Designer) has costumed for theaters all over the world, including the Edinburgh Fringe, the Ace Hotel Theater, Theater of NOTE and the Live-to-Film Experiences at the Hollywood Bowl (*Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Willy Wonka, La La Land*). She is honored to be a designer for CRE Outreach/Theater for the Blind in West LA. Linda also costumes for eight schools and she loves her students madly, even when they don't hang stuff up. This is her 14th production for Sacred Fools. If you care about awards (meh) and would like to see pictures (yay!), they're listed at her website, manyhatzcostumes.com. Love to husband Gil, kids Hannah, Sadie, Dylan, Aviva and Brian and all my darling Fools!

Sofija Dutcher (she/they | Board Operator) is a queer theater-maker, visual artist and avid participant in L.A.'s independent theatre community, and has directed, produced and stage managed productions with Sacred Fools Theater Company and the Flat Tire Theatre Company. She is currently the Administrative Director for About...Productions (aboutpd.org). As a multidisciplinary artist, she uses her variety of skills to assist in telling and elevating personal stories, encouraging vulnerable storytelling, and providing the freedom to play, to heal, and to connect with one another through art and performance.

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Sacred Fools Theater Company is dedicated to creating and fostering a dynamic, empowered artistic community in Los Angeles. The company is run solely by the ensembled artists. We have an ongoing commitment to the development of new plays and projects which challenge traditional expectations of the theatrical experience. Our goal is to produce work which invigorates, enlightens and entertains. We believe that theater is a popular and vital art form which inspires and transforms its audience and its members.

We hope you enjoyed the show!

Join us after the show at



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