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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Sacred Fools' Next Installment of We The People, "Blessings of Liberty," to Benefit Peace Over Violence



Los Angeles, CA (January 8, 2017) Sacred Fools Theater Company is presenting the next installment of its ongoing theatre action *We The People* on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Monday, January 15) at 8:00 pm. All proceeds will go to the organization Peace Over Violence.

We The People is a bi-monthly, curated series of new works theatrically exploring – sometimes loudly, sometimes quietly, and everything in between – the concerns facing our country and world today.

In the months that followed the 2016 election, producers and creators of *We The People*, Kimberly Atkinson and Amir Levi, recognized an opportunity to meld art and activism.

"We both feel in a deep way that the community needs a place to artistically express their fear, their hope, their anger, and their ideas in the wake of so much political and social turmoil and we want their work to live past its single performance," explains Atkinson. "We knew it had to be artistic activism that would raise awareness and connect people with other organizations that were making a difference," adds Levi.

About We The People

Every other month, artists will receive a prompt and a deadline. The short pieces will then be curated into a night of theatre. The prompt for this upcoming evening of *We The People* is "Blessings of Liberty."

The first installment of *We The People* took place on September 11, 2017, packing the Broadwater's Black Box Theater to full capacity, with the proceeds from the sold-out show going to <u>Tanenbaum</u>, a secular, non-sectarian nonprofit that combats religious prejudice all over the world. The next installment benefitted <u>CARECEN</u>, the Central American Resource Center. *We The People* was recently featured by Footlights <u>here</u>.

About The Participants

January's installment of *We The People* features premiere works based on the prompt 'Blessings of Liberty,' written by Neil LaBute, Crystal Keith, Joe Jordan, Emily Fisher, Gregory Sims, Mildred Inez Lewis, Joe and Joshua, Carene Rose Mekertichyan, Michael Robinson, Lynda LaRose, Giovanni Ortega, Richard Soto, Jen Huszcza, Ian Patrick Williams, Tim Kopacz, and John Wuchte.

The readings will be directed by Atkinson and Levi and performed by Siaka Massaquoi, Eddie Goines, Brittney S. Wheeler, Gregory Sims, Joe and Joshua, Ian Patrick Williams, Pia Shah, Adriana Colon, John Wuchte, Jacob Sidney, Kristyn Evelyn, Lynn Adriana, Corey Klemow, Tyee Tilghman, Peter Pasco, Alexa Briana Crismon, Alexandra DeMaio, Aaron Mendelson and more.

About Peace Over Violence

Peace Over Violence is multicultural, community based and volunteer centered nonprofit organization dedicated to building healthy relationships, families and communities free from sexual, domestic and interpersonal violence.

POV's vision is a world without violence. Where no child is abused, no wife battered, no friend raped. A world without terror, without threats, without wounds from intentional actions. Where the strong provide for the vulnerable, where the vulnerable become empowered, where every kind of family is safe and secure, and girls and boys and women and men have a fair and equal chance at the pursuit of happiness in a tolerant and talented society. For more on Peace Over Violence please visit <u>peaceoverviolence.org</u>.

Open Submissions

We The People is always looking for new material and new participants. Submissions are open to the public and all are encouraged to contact the producers to find out how to participate. For more information, visit <u>www.sacredfools.org</u> and click on WE THE PEOPLE.

Also at Sacred Fools This Month – Denim Doves, Serial Killers & More

Sacred Fools first mainstage production of 2018, *Denim Doves* by Adrienne Dawes, opens on Friday, January 19 at 8:00 pm, with the long-running Saturday late-night *Serial Killers* returning the next night at 11:00 pm. Also, as mentioned in an earlier press release, January's edition of *Ten Tops* takes place Monday, January 8 at 8:00 pm. For more specific information on everything happening at Sacred Fools, visit www.sacredfools.org.

Quick Summary

WHAT: We The People Theatre Action

WHERE: The Broadwater Black Box, 6322 Santa Monica Blvd., LA CA 90038

WHEN: Monday, January 15 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) at 8:00 PM.

TICKETS: Donate-What-You-Can – Pay at the door, or reserve online and make a donation at checkout.

Press RSVP: Publicity@sacredfools.org

Public RSVP: Reservations at (310) 281-8337 or buy online at <u>www.sacredfools.org</u> MORE PRESS: Photos and more at <u>www.sacredfools.org/publicity</u>

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Sacred Fools Theater Company, the resident theater company of The Broadwater, 1078 Lillian Way (Santa Monica Blvd. and Lillian Way) on Theater Row, is a non-profit, ensemble-run theater company founded in 1997, committed to the development of new plays and projects that challenge traditional expectations of the theatrical experience. For more information about any of our programming or the company itself, contact us at <u>publicity@sacredfools.org</u> and visit <u>www.sacredfools.org</u>. For information regarding The Broadwater, please visit <u>www.thebroadwaterla.com</u>

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