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foolsFURY presents in conjunction with the 2009 NET Summit of Ensemble Theaters

## **FURY factory 2009**

June 9 – 27, 2009 at Traveling Jewish Theatre and NOHspace

Featuring premieres, mainstage productions, and works-in-progress by  
**17** theater ensembles and **6** dance-theater companies from the Bay Area,  
Los Angeles, Portland, New Orleans, New York City, Brooklyn,  
Afghanistan and Liverpool, UK!

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(San Francisco, CA – March 24, 2009) Artists are re-examining the concept of America and its place in the world. For three weeks in June, **FURY factory 2009** will bring together nearly two dozen outstanding ensembles to showcase a diverse array of international perspectives and experiences about our shifting values in response to the changing world.

The productions cut across the full-spectrum of theatrical languages – from darkly serious narrative stories to fantastical, surreal farces and non-linear post-modern constructions. Weighty topics such as war, the politics of speech, and the search for authentic identity and a sense of place amongst our disintegrating environment are just some of the themes in this year's festival. To balance the serious nature of these plays, foolsFURY curated other ensembles with lighter, more humorous storylines. Underlying every absorbing performance in the 2009 FURY factory is the common thread that these are original, contemporary works by ensemble companies.

FURY factory is a biennial, curated theater festival that stands out from other Bay Area theater events. The festival is a rare and exciting venue for artistic cross-pollination, in addition to the carefully selected high-quality performances, theater makers offer workshops and audiences will have the opportunity to dialogue with artists to gain valuable insights into the creative process. All of the events are open to the public.

During the three-week festival, Traveling Jewish Theatre and NOHspace will be buzzing with vibrant, thought-provoking performances six nights a week.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, theater ensembles and dance companies will perform works-in-progress at 7pm and 8:30pm. Thursdays through Sunday's mainstage events will be performed at Traveling Jewish Theatre at 7pm and 9pm; and at 8pm at NOHspace.

Every performance at the FURY factory is a stand-out event. Among the notable highlights of the FURY factory 2009 is **BEYOND THE MIRROR** by **Bond Street Theater** and **Exile Theatre of Afghanistan** (June 11 @ 9pm and June 12 & 18 @ 7pm at Traveling Jewish Theatre). This notable play about three decades of war and occupation in Afghanistan includes cast member **Anisa Wahab**, one of the few women to be accepted as a professional actress in Afghanistan, and a film and television star prior to Taliban rule.

**THE BARBER OF EAST L.A.** by **Butchlalis de Panochtitlan** (June 19-20 @ 7pm and June 25-26 @ 9pm at Traveling Jewish Theatre) is a fictional story about queer Latinos living in Eastside neighborhoods during the Reagan-era 1980s. Irreverent, humorous, and painfully real, **THE BARBER OF EAST L.A.** is the result of Butchlalis de Panochtitlan's collaboration with acclaimed playwright, director and MacArthur Genius Fellow, Luis Alfaro and visual artist and activist Hector Silva.

**Witness Relocation** brings their critically acclaimed tour-de-force **VISCIOUS DOGS ON PREMISES** to the Bay Area for the first time (June 11-13, 8pm at NOHspace). This dance-theater-installation-chance operation mixes post modern dance, theater, fight-dog training, scenes from a play by award-winning Romanian author Saviana Stanescu, rock and roll, live video, timed tasks and a structure the show order is changed every night and the performers don't know which of the four roles they are playing until the first moment. The whole thing tears through 60 minutes. Of its premiere in New York, Time Out called **VISCIOUS DOGS ON PREMISES** "avant-vaudeville, conducted with brio and a cheery disregard for the fourth wall."

And from across the pond, Liverpool England's **Fools Proof Theatre** will make their West Coast debut with **JE SUIS DEAD**, a story about three strangers whose lives collide into each other after a train accident instigating the appearance of ancestral figures and questions about reality. Of Fool's Proof Theatre, Theatre in Wales stated "*This is the one to look out for, so search for them, wherever you can, and let there be no excuses for missing out if they're in your area.*" **JE SUIS DEAD** will be performed June 18-20 at 9pm and June 21 at 7pm at Traveling Jewish Theatre.

The 2009 FURY factory is co-hosted by **Theatre of Yugen** and presented in conjunction with the 2009 **NET Summit of Ensemble Theaters** (NETfest), to be held in San Francisco June 17 – 21. The NETfest is a national conference providing ensemble companies a forum to exchange ideas through panel discussions, workshops, methodology sharing, and the ever-popular Closing Night Cabaret on June 21, 9pm at Traveling Jewish Theatre.

## A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF PERFORMING ARTISTS IN FURY FACTORY 2009

### ON THE MAIN STAGE (Thursdays- Sundays)

- **Bond Street Theater** and **Exile Theatre of Afghanistan** in BEYOND THE MIRROR (New York, NY)
- **Witness Relocation** in VISCIOUS DOGS ON PREMISES (New York, NY)
- **Dandelion Dance Theater** with special musical guests **Mutt 49** (San Francisco)
- **Hand2Mouth** in REPEAT AFTER ME (Portland, OR)
- **Theatre of Yugen** in SHURON and PRETTY (San Francisco)
- **Butchlalis de Panochtitlan** in BARBER OF EAST L.A. (Los Angeles)
- **Fools Proof Theatre** in JE SUIS DEAD (Liverpool, England)
- **Under the Table** in THE ONLY FRIENDS WE HAVE (Brooklyn, NY)
- **David Szlasa** in GADGET (Oakland)

### WORKS-IN-PROGRESS (Tuesdays and Wednesdays)

- **Sara Zimmerman** and **foolsFURY** (San Francisco)
- **Just Theater** and **Mugwumpin** (Oakland and San Francisco)
- **foolsFURY** (San Francisco)
- **Deborah Eliezer & Silvia Girardi** (Oakland), **Deborah Slater Dance Theatre** (San Francisco), **Ochlos Theatre Workshop**
- **MondoBizarro** (New Orleans, LA)
- **Ragged Wing Ensemble** (Richmond)
- **Just Theater** (Oakland), **Zac Jaffe and Andrea Kuchlewska** (San Francisco and New York, NY)
- **The Dance Animals** (San Francisco) and **Davina Cohen** (New York, NY)

**ABOUT THE PRODUCER/PRESENTER:** FoolsFURY is a San Francisco-based theater ensemble, founded in 1998 by Ben Yalom and a group of artists eager to revitalize the role of theater in America as a form of accessible and diverse artistic expression. We innovate constantly, focusing on inspired uses of the body in creating narrative, and offering visceral experiences for our audiences that cannot be replicated on film or television. Our works include original plays, contemporary works that lend themselves to deep exploration, and classics of world theater we de- then re- construct. We see theater as the nexus of many art forms, and collaborate with fantastic artists from many disciplines.

In addition to creating and touring new works, we curate and produce the biennial FURY Factory Festival, a national three-week festival of cutting edge works created by ensemble theater companies.

We are also fiercely dedicated to training for adults and youth, and provide courses in contemporary theater technique. These empower our students as theater makers, artists and creative, empathetic individuals. For adults we offer regular workshops taught by the foolsFURY ensemble or by notable master teachers such as Anne Bogart's SITI Company, Mary Overlie of the NYU Experimental Theater Wing, and Stephen Wangh. In recent years actors who have worked and trained with us have appeared on every major stage in the region, and many across the country.

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**CALENDAR LISTING**

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**WHAT: FURY factory 2009**

17 theater ensembles and 6 dance-theater companies from the Bay Area, Los Angeles, Portland, New Orleans, New York City, Brooklyn, Afghanistan, and Liverpool, UK perform original works.

**WHO:** **foolsFURY** with guest artists Bond Street Theater (New York) and Exile Theatre of Afghanistan (Afghanistan), Butchlalis de Panochtitlan (Los Angeles, CA), Hand2Mouth (Portland, OR), Just Theater & Mugwumpin (San Francisco, CA), Deborah Slater Dance Theatre (San Francisco), Dandelion Dance Theater (San Francisco) and many others!

**SCHEDULE: WORKS-IN-PROGRESS:**

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays, June 9-10 and 23-24**

7pm at NOHspace (2840 Mariposa Street @ Florida, San Francisco)

8:30pm at Traveling Jewish Theatre (470 Florida Street @ 17<sup>th</sup> Street, SF)

**Tuesday- Wednesday, June 16-17**

7pm at Traveling Jewish Theatre (470 Florida Street @ 17<sup>th</sup> Street, SF)

8pm at NOHspace (2840 Mariposa Street @ Florida, San Francisco)

**MAINSTAGE PRODUCTIONS:**

**Thursdays – Sundays, June 11-14, 18-21 and Thursday – Saturday, June 25-27**

7pm and 9pm at Traveling Jewish Theatre (470 Florida Street @ 17<sup>th</sup> Street, SF)

8pm at NOHspace (2840 Mariposa Street @ Florida, San Francisco)

Detailed schedule at [foolsFURY.org](http://foolsFURY.org)

**TICKETS:** Single tickets: \$15 general admission; \$12 students, seniors, groups  
See 3 shows for \$35  
Festival Pass: \$75, get unlimited access to all FURY Factory events

**BOX OFFICE:** 1-800-838-3006 and <http://brownpapertickets.com/>

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