

MEDIA RELEASE

UNSUNG: TALES FROM THE FRONT LINE **STORIES FROM EDMONTON HEALTHCARE WORKERS**

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(EDMONTON) The past couple of years have been challenging. Nowhere has this been more the case than in our hospitals and healthcare centres. ***Unsung: Tales From the Front Line*** is a series of monologues developed from real-life interviews with the people who continue to work thanklessly through the ongoing COVID pandemic. Through it all, these workers have shown resilience, kindness and understanding, and, somehow - hope.

Created by **Heather Inglis** in collaboration with **Darrin Hagen**, audiences will be invited into the transformed Gateway Theatre and walk freely between performance installations. Separated by curtains in a hospital-like maze, actors speak the actual words of health care professionals. Created in the same tradition as Heather's previous work, *Viscosity*, audiences will be allowed to receive each story firsthand, or watch from the sidelines. **Audiences are invited to come and go during the performance times at their leisure, (it takes between 30 – 60 minutes to view the entire performance).**

This piece couldn't be timelier with the provincial election just around the corner. Alberta will be faced with making a very real choice that will forever affect our Healthcare system. And while we will continue to hear statistics, arguments, and abstract hypotheticals, *Unsung: Tales From the Front Line* strips that all aside and forces us to look at the people. Front-Line workers have weathered not only the pandemic but continued political scrutiny while still continuing to deliver the care to which every Canadian citizen is entitled. And that's something to be celebrated. That's something worth fighting for.

We will be asking audience members to be masked while viewing the installation.

***Unsung: Tales From the Front Line* will play at Workshop West's Gateway Theatre (8529 gateway Blvd NW) from January 25th to February 12th.**

Evenings at 7:30 pm, Sunday matinees at 1:30 pm.

There will be two special Pay-What-You-Can previews or \$40 for online preview tickets on January 25th and 26th at 7:30 pm.

The first Saturday on the 28th will be two-for-one.

Sundays are matinees at 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm.

On Tuesdays, we will offer an industry discount and \$20 tickets to healthcare workers.

For further questions, contact Liam Salmon.

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