

**PRESS RELEASE** For Immediate Release

Contact: Deke Weaver 217-355-8292 [dekeweaver@dekeweaver.com](mailto:dekeweaver@dekeweaver.com)

Tickets/Info: (612) 825-8949

Website: [www.bryantlakebowl.com](http://www.bryantlakebowl.com)

BRYANT-LAKE BOWL THEATER

presents

# THE GHOSTS OF PRAGUE

a live act of living theater by writer-performer Deke Weaver



DATE: SUNDAY JULY 15

TIME: 8PM (doors open at 7PM)

PLACE: BRYANT-LAKE BOWL THEATER (810 West Lake Street)

PRICE: \$8-12 pay-what-you-can

TICKETS/INFORMATION: 612-825-8949 [www.bryantlakebowl.com](http://www.bryantlakebowl.com)

Award-winning-writer-performer-supernova Deke Weaver's triumphant return to the Bryant-Lake Bowl Theater! *Did we say triumphant? Oh my god, it is soooo triumphant!* Weaver presents **THE GHOSTS OF PRAGUE** for your pleasure and delectation - an unforgettable-one-night-only-not-to-be-missed spectacle. *Did we say it's not to be missed? Don't miss it.*

In this evening of monologs and projected videos, Prague - the home of Bohemian princes, ancient super-rabbis, the Golem, and the Holy Grail (*maybe... maybe*) - is a state of mind. A collection of interwoven short stories, **THE GHOSTS OF PRAGUE**, struggles to balance an instinctive, spiritual life with the daily 21st century grind: animals talk, dear friends rise from the dead, and small, Walmart-plagued midwestern towns are liberated by superheroes. Written, performed and video by Weaver, the work has been presented in Illinois, New England, New York and San Francisco.

*Open and Leashed*, a Weaver/Jennifer Allen coproduction, kicked off the February 2006 "Saturday Is The New Monday" performance series at the Bryant-Lake Bowl Theater. The work was sooo moving and awkwardly beautiful that the Twin Cities were permanently altered. Seriously - think about it - everything has been different since that February. A touch of Milan Kundera, a hint of Spalding Gray and a sprinkling of Monty Python, Weaver's grapplings with dark and light are simultaneously disturbing and hilarious.

Photos and interviews are available with Weaver. And he'll make you a special hat if you want. Check out his website ([dekeweaver.com](http://dekeweaver.com)). Give him a call. Shower him with attention. That's all he really wants.

**THE GHOSTS OF PRAGUE** contact:  
Deke Weaver ([dekeweaver@dekeweaver.com](mailto:dekeweaver@dekeweaver.com)) 217-355-8292

**BRYANT-LAKE BOWL THEATER** contact:  
Kristin Van Loon 612-825-8949

**DEKE WEAVER** (writer-performer, video maker, and graphic designer... [www.dekeweaver.com](http://www.dekeweaver.com))

His award winning original performance work has been presented in Wales, Scotland, Seattle, L.A., Philadelphia, Dallas, Wyoming, Colorado, New England, California, throughout the Southwest and in festivals such as San Francisco's Solo Mio Festival, The Bay Area Playwrights Festival and Seattle's New City Theater Billy Solo Festival. In New York his work has been presented at Dixon Place, HERE, PS 122, The Moth, Tonic, Galapagos and other venues. A resident at Yaddo and Ucross, a four-time fellow at the MacDowell Colony, and three-time recipient of NEA regional grants in film/video making Weaver's video work has screened and broadcast in film/video festivals and on public television stations in Russia, Brazil, Australia, Europe and the United States (PBS, Channel 4/U.K., MOMA, The New York Video Festival, The Berlin Video Festival, MOMA/NY; the Museum of Contemporary Art, LA; many others). Commissions, fellowships, and grants from the City of San Francisco, the State of New York, the National Endowment for the Arts, and other public and private foundations have supported his work. After living in San Francisco and New York, he makes his home in Champaign, Illinois where he teaches in the School of Art & Design's New Media Department at the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign). His chockful 'o' info website is [www.dekeweaver.com](http://www.dekeweaver.com)

### **PRESS QUOTES FROM PAST WORK**

full and additional reviews are available upon request or at [dekeweaver.com/reviews.html](http://dekeweaver.com/reviews.html)

"Strict categories fail where Weaver is concerned. ...a delightful, engaging, frequently funny performance."  
*MNArtists.org*

"A witty, colourful and melancholic piece of performance art in which Weaver opens his heart with modesty and charm." *The Scotsman*

"Weaver's writing intrigues, while his conspiratorial, cool-to-manic stage presence trips nuggets of off-kilter humor like a tapdance through landmines." *San Francisco Bay Guardian*

"Weaver has handcuffed a secure storytelling knack to a performance style that pushes the energy envelope towards hyperventilating madness." *Sidewalk.com*

Deke Weaver in THE GHOSTS OF PRAGUE

SUNDAY JULY 15 8PM (doors open at 7PM) BRYANT-LAKE BOWL THEATER (810 West Lake St.)

TICKETS/INFORMATION: 612-825-8949 [www.bryantlakebowl.com](http://www.bryantlakebowl.com)

Media Contact: Deke Weaver ([dekew@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dekew@sbcglobal.net)) 217-355-8292