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What: OTHER ANIMALS a solo performance with video by Deke Weaver
When: Friday March 3 (2 shows, 7:30p + Midnight),
Saturday March 4 (1 show, 7:30pm)
Where: The Armory Free Theatre, 160 Armory on the UIUC Campus
Tickets: Free
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the armory free theatre in association with the uiuc's department of theatre presents

OTHER ANIMALS

a solo performance with video by Deke Weaver



(In the following sentence I will refer to myself in the Third Person, as if someone else was writing this press release.)

The Armory Free Theatre, in association with the University of Illinois' Department of Theatre presents award-winning artist Deke Weaver's **OTHER ANIMALS** - an unforgettable evening of solo performance.

(Now, I will write a paragraph written in the First Person, as if I was writing the press release, but I'll try and make it seem like I'm really mysterious, exotic and, possibly, sinister).

"What will happen?" you may ask. Let me tell you. There will be dark, funny, disturbing stories. There will be odd short videos. The piece will be energetically presented on Friday March 3rd at 7:30pm and, again, with even more vigor and magnetism at MIDNIGHT. Yes. That's right: MIDNIGHT. Because of the overwhelming, crushing demand I will present the piece FOR A THIRD TIME on Saturday March 4th at 7:30pm. The Armory Free Theatre exists. It can be found in... The Armory. The Armory is at 160 Armory on the UIUC Campus, near Huff Hall and the Ice Hockey Rink. Enter The Armory from The East. The entrance to the theatre is your first door on the right.

I have presented versions and segments of OTHER ANIMALS in Cardiff, Wales; New York; San Francisco, New England and, most recently, in Minneapolis (reviewed at <http://www.mnartists.org/article.do?rid=93680>). Because of it's transcendent transformative qualities OTHER ANIMALS is offered as a gift to the public - free and open. For you. Please come.

Thank you,
Deke Weaver

{Deke Weaver - me - I am a writer-performer, video-maker, graphic designer, champion San Francisco-poetry-slammer, New York animator and UIUC assistant professor in the School of Art + Design's Narrative Media Department. I was recently awarded a 2006-07 Illinois Program for Research in Humanities Fellowship. The hour-long show offers tales of the comic (an ode to the straight-forwardness of man's best friend), the tragic (a tale of disaster: a park ranger presents an aviary of hawks and eagles to an elementary school assembly), and the mythic (*A Small Leashed Monkey* - a corporate drone returns to his dark Peace Corps past through the painter Georges Seurat and a bottomless appetite in this haunting contemporary parable of the beast within).}

The Armory is handicapped accessible. Parts of this show are not suitable for children or the easily offended.

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DEKE WEAVER

(writer-performer, video maker, + graphic designer)

Grew up in Minnetonka, Minnesota. Played goal for the Skippers. That's right: The Skippers. His award winning original performance work has been presented in Wales, 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 three-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 Narrative Media Department at the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign). He was recently awarded a 2006-07 Illinois Program for Research in Humanities Fellowship. His infrequently updated website is www.dekeweaver.com

PRESS FROM PAST WORK

full reviews available at dekeweaver.com

"Stone's War... assembled much talent... some quite brilliant, like Deke Weaver's portrayal of a crazed exterminator."
Elizabeth Zimmer, Village Voice

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

"Weaver's writing intrigues, while his conspiratorial, cool-to-maniac stage presence trips nuggets of off-kilter humor like a tapdance through landmines."
Dennis Harvey, SF Bay Guardian

"Weaver displays an uncommon knack for the arresting filmic image and the poetic plot twist but his real talent lies in his explosive mastery as an actor."
Carol Lloyd, SF Weekly

"Garrison Keillor meets Carlos Castaneda in writer-performer Deke Weaver's cunningly interwoven tales...the magic of the narrative soars...it casts an undeniable spell."
Brad Rosenstein, SF Bay Guardian

"Best Bet: One of the city's most talented working writers, Weaver's quick moving tale...is at once hilarious, dark and poignant. Weaver is riveting in the multiple roles of Kip, Katie & Helga Knutzen."
Deborah Crooks, Pacific Sun

"Funny and audacious...ribald satire."
David Armstrong, San Francisco Examiner

"A wicked sense of humor."
Michael Fox, SF Weekly

Deke Weaver's **OTHER ANIMALS**

FRIDAY MARCH 3RD (7:30p + Midnight) and SATURDAY MARCH 4TH (7:30p) at THE ARMORY FREE THEATRE (160 Armory on the UIUC Campus)
FREE ADMISSION

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