



Stage Left Theatre presents

# IN THE BACK / ON THE FLOOR

a World Premier written by Ken Green

directed by Rachel Van

April 28 – May 28, 2023

Chicago, March 2023 – Stage Left Theatre announces their upcoming production of ***IN THE BACK / ON THE FLOOR*** by Ken Green and directed by Rachel Van. Ken is a Chicago playwright residing in Boston whose work touches the tension and relief of common struggles for the common person. Performances take place at Chicago Dramatists, 1105 W. Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60642. Press opening is Saturday, April 28 at 8:00pm. The show runs through May 28, 2023.

## THE PLAY

IN THE BACK/ON THE FLOOR examines the issues that minimum wage workers face through the lives of several employees at a big-box retail store. Though paid the least, these workers are asked to bear the heaviest burden for the good of profit. They are often seen as easily replaceable parts, but also expected to believe they are members of a "family." When one worker with ambition sees his dreams of advancement within the organization stunted, the situation raises the forbidden word - "union."

"Even as our country is fresh off the heels of proclaiming the heroic nature of essential workers, many struggle with working conditions, long hours, and stilted hope. IN THE BACK/ ON THE FLOOR is for anyone who knows the grind of the workforce is out of sync with the smile on the packaging." says Artistic Director Bobbi Masters. "Stage Left Theatre is very excited to present this relevant new play at this critical time in the rewriting of America post-pandemic."

## TICKETS, DATES & INFORMATION

***(IN THE BACK / ON THE FLOOR)*** runs over five weeks with two previews and nineteen performances (times are all Central Time):

Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 8:00pm (Preview Performance) \$25

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 8:00pm (Preview Performance) \$25

Friday, April 28, 2023 at 8:00pm (Opening Night) \$40

Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 8:00pm \$40

Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 2:00pm \$35

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Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 8:00pm \$30  
Friday, May 5, 2023 at 8:00pm \$40  
Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 8:00pm \$40  
Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 2:00pm \$35  
Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 8:00pm \$30  
Friday, May 12, 2023 at 8:00pm \$40  
Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 8:00pm \$40  
Sunday, May 14, 2023 at 2:00pm \$35  
Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 8:00pm \$30  
Friday, May 19, 2023 at 8:00pm \$40  
Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 8:00pm \$40  
Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 2:00pm \$35  
Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 8:00pm \$30  
Friday, May 26, 2023 at 8:00pm \$40  
Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 8:00pm \$40  
Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 2:00pm \$35

Tickets range from \$30 to \$40. Student tickets are reduced by \$25 with coupon code "Student" and are available online through the Stage Left website [www.stagelefttheatre.com](http://www.stagelefttheatre.com) For questions or assistance, email [tix@stagelefttheatre.com](mailto:tix@stagelefttheatre.com) or call 773-883-8830.

Media comps, photos, videos and interviews are available by contacting David Heimann, 773-255-2773 or emailing him at [press@stagelefttheatre.com](mailto:press@stagelefttheatre.com). Hi-res photos, this release and archived releases and photos are available at <https://www.stagelefttheatre.com/press-room> .

#### **ABOUT STAGE LEFT**

Founded in 1982, Stage Left Theatre is committed to nurturing voices for the American theatre by developing and producing engaging and relevant theatre for an inclusive industry by highlighting unheard voices, stories, and perspectives. Through a full subscription season and our new play development program, Downstage Left, Stage Left strives to ask provocative social and political questions by producing a mix of new works, regional premieres, and timeless classics.

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