

# antidot

by Liquid Theater

SATURDAY,  
APRIL 28, 2012, 7:30 P.M.  
GUALALA ARTS CENTER



LIQUID Theater brings a newly acclaimed and award winning production, *Antidot*, to its American premiere at the Gualala Arts Center **APRIL 28**.

After their performance at Gualala Arts Center on the 28th they will then perform this piece three times at San Francisco International Arts Festival. LIQUID Theatre's artistic directors will also teach a class at the San Francisco Conservatory of Dance.

*Antidot* presents the company's humorous physical theatre reflections on the restrictions and confinements of life working in an office: the petty jealousies and rivalries, pecking orders, the struggles to get ahead in a career, pervasive sexism, relevance to leading a fulfilling life and many other topics that all get short shrift as a commentary on a work environment that has become all pervasive in the industrialized world.

The company's on-stage response or antidote to the situation is perhaps closer to a California new age experience than the audience might expect. The cast is led on a series of increasingly bizarre therapeutic exercises by a faith healer character that might be better associated with a practice in the Berkeley Hills than Moscow's industrial hinterland. It satirizes the yearning need for escape and a return to nature.

The LIQUID Theater company was founded in 2004 and within five years had become award winners at Russia's coveted Golden Mask Festival. The company members represent a younger generation of multidisciplinary artists who came of age in the post Soviet era and whose work reflects a growing dialogue and ideas in common with artists from the west.

LIQUID Theatre is led by co-artistic directors Aleksey Zerebsov and Ksenia Petrenko, both of whom have



previously enjoyed artist residencies at Jacobs Pillow through the CEC Artslink Program. LIQUID Theatre performers include: Svetlana Kim, Anna Rud, Daria Stepashkina, Aleksandra Poldi, Denis Semenov, Andrey Smirnov, Vitaliy Brovik, Dmitriy Melkin.

We thank Marion MacDonald, President of the Society of Living Traditions, and Andrew Wood, Director of the San Francisco International Arts Festival, who worked to bring this production to the Bay Area. Major funding was provided by The Trust for Mutual Understanding and the Renova Group of Companies. Gualala Arts and individuals from the coastal community also sponsored this event.

**Tickets: \$25 adults, \$10 youth (7-17); \$5 more day of show. Buy early!**

Also, LIQUID Theater will perform at the Fort Ross Winery on April 27th. This piece was created for the Bicentennial Commemoration of the establishment of the southernmost settlement of the Russian American Company in North America. This performance was brought to Sonoma County by The Society of Living Traditions.