Touring

Our touring program continued to thrive, performing stories at high schools, colleges and universities, conferences, hospitals, and faith groups throughout the Chicagoland area and beyond.

Malcolm X College
Wilbur Wright College
Haymarket Treatment Center
Olive Harvey College
Highland Park High School
Harold Washington College
North Central College
University of Illinois at Chicago
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
Rolling Meadows High School
Adler School of Professional Psychology
Richard J. Daley College
Loyola Academy
Harry S. Truman College
Bethany Methodist Hospital
Ashwaubenon High School
Illinois Institute of Technology
First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn
North Park University
Kennedy-King College
Glenbrook South High School
Lake Forest High School
Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital
Alexian Brothers Hospital
Norwegian American Hospital
Harper College
Loyola University

“ETD said a lot of things that our students could relate to. It let them know that they’re not alone.”

—Malcolm X College counselor

Education

ETD collects people’s true stories and then edits them into monologues and scenes performed by our ensemble of professional actors. This year, we conducted workshops on our method of story collection for future clinicians at The Chicago School of Psychology (TCSPP) and students in the University of Illinois at Chicago’s (UIC) Asian American Studies Program.

The UIC workshop series culminated in a collection of stories staged last spring entitled The Small, Dark Room. The stories collected with TCSPP helped shape our world premiere production Veterans’ Voices: Mental Health and the Military, which opens this fall on Veterans Day.
Artistic Season

“A noble mission made manifest in a riveting, simple production. Every performance feels authentic.”

—Chicago Theatre Blog

**Will You Stand Up?**

*Five monologues exploring the various effects of violence on mental health.*

NOVEMBER 12, 13, 19 & 20, 2012

Directed by: Jason Economus*

Adapted by: Brenda Barrie, Pat Curtis, Brighid O’Shaughnessy* and Craig C. Thompson*

Art Curator: Meredith Siemsen*

The cast of *Will You Stand Up?*: Jasondra Johnson, Adam Poss*, Craig C. Thompson*, Maura Kidwell* and James Earl Jones II.

**The Small, Dark Room**

*Six stories about mental health issues from Americans of Asian and Middle Eastern descent.*

APRIL 8, 9, 15 & 16, 2013

WORLD PRÉMIERE!

Directed by: Reshmi Hazra

Adapted by: Norman Chen, Jialin (Camille) Li, Ana Sofia Lupu, Brighid O’Shaughnessy, Kruti Parikh, Gessa Suboc, & Chun-Shan (Sandie) Yi

Art Curator: Meredith Siemsen*

Created in collaboration with students from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The cast of *The Small, Dark Room*: Kroydell Galima, Rula Gardenier, Adam Poss*, Gordon Chow, Susaan Jamshidi and Wannapa Pimtong-Eubanks*.

“Through the training, I was able to enhance my communication skills and gain a better understanding of people with mental health issues.”

—workshop participant

All photos by Cory Dewald.

*ETD Ensemble Member or Artistic Associate.*
A Year in the Life:

**JUN 25**

**Veterans’ Voices**
Workshop reading to gather audience feedback before making its world premiere on Veterans Day 2013.

**JUN 24**

**OUTspoken: A Call for LGBTQ Voices**
An evening of storytelling and performance focused on cultivating new stories from within the LGBTQ community.

**MAY 17**

Four stories performed for trauma conference Linking Sexual and Domestic Violence to Healthcare through Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital.

**MAY 8**

Three stories at Lake Forest High School.

**APR 25**

The Small, Dark Room performed at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**APR 20**

Storytelling in Psychology workshop for TCSSP students, led by ETD Executive Artistic Director Brighid O’Shaughnessy (pictured).

**MAR 20**

Five stories performed at Loyola University as part of their Psychology Club Week.

**MAR 19**

I Am Your Neighbor
Five-story show performed in Wisconsin at Ashwaubenon High School and Green Bay’s Meyer Theater.

**MAR 14**

Four stories performed at Kennedy-King College.

**MAR 13**

Four stories performed at Harold Washington College.

**MAR 12**

Four stories performed at Olive Harvey College.

**MAR 10**

Performance at Haymarket Treatment Center’s HIV/AIDS health awareness event.

**JAN 9**

Three stories performed at Loyola Academy.

**JAN 8**

Two stories performed at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**DEC 5**

ETD methodology workshop for students at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), led by Brighid O’Shaughnessy.

**OCT 20**

Story performed as part of Rebecca’s Dream’s annual gala held at the Society for the Arts.

**OCT 19**

Brighid O’Shaughnessy led an interactive workshop for clinicians entitled The Power of Telling a Story at the Cathedral Counseling Center.

**OCT 18**

Two stories performed at Harper College.

**OCT 17**

UIC methodology workshop. (See Dec 5)

**OCT 16**

Good Enough touring performance at North Park University.

**OCT 15**

Four stories performed at North Central College.

**OCT 14**

Storytelling Day
Storytellers are interviewed by ETD artists and volunteers.

**OCT 12**

Three stories performed at Rolling Meadows High School.

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*ETD performed at all seven City Colleges of Chicago last spring, and we look forward to doing so this year as well!
Storytelling in Psychology (See Apr 20)

Four stories performed at Wilbur Wright College*.

Four stories performed at Harry S. Truman College*.

Good Enough touring performance for Active Minds at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

ETD’s Annual Gala: Discovering Soul Latin Rhythms Dance Studio, Chicago, IL Cuisine by BomBon Café and music by The Robert Cornelius 7. Sponsored by Barnes and Thornburg LLP, Baxter Healthcare and Jellyvision.

Will You Stand Up? Performed at Center on Halsted’s Hoover-Leppen Theatre.

Brighid O’Shaughnessy and artistic associate Meredith Siemsen (pictured) led an ETD methodology workshop at the Anne Blitstein Teachers’ Institute at Hebrew Theological College.

Fundraiser at Revolution Brewing.

ETD methodology workshop for TCSPP students, led by Brighid O’Shaughnessy.

ETD methodology workshop. (See Dec 5)

UIC methodology workshop. (See Dec 5)

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Two stories performed at Loyola Academy.

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ETD methodology workshop. (See Sep 22)

UIC methodology workshop. (See Dec 5)

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TCSPP methodology workshop. (See Sep 22)

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