The Wapsipinicon Theatre Festival, August 17-23, Accepting Submissions Now!

Hello!

Zita and Myque are getting married!

What have we decided to do to celebrate?

Make theatre – And we want your help!

We cordially invite you to participate in the 2013 Wapsipinicon Theatre Festival.

This week-long event will include the creation and performance of a new show in and on the Wapsipinicon River in Buchannan County, Iowa.

That’s right, *in* the river.

Loosely based on Homer’s “The Odyssey”, audiences will journey down the Wapsipinicon River in canoes experiencing performative encounters along the water. We will create a performance the like of which has never been seen!

There are different ways you can be involved:

**Travelers:**  A core group of actors in the boats with the audience, creating the dramatic through line, and giving context to the encounters that happen along the way. These travelers might be characters that you have previously developed or entirely new characters developed during the festival. They may or may not be based on actual characters from The Odyssey. The performers in this role must be available to attend the full week of the festival as devising the plot, characters and context will fall mainly to them. *If you are interested in participating as a Traveler e-mail us a description for a character who you could imagine* *being a part of this odyssey and relevant video/photo documentation.*

**Encounters:**  As the boats float down the river the audience and travelers will encounter various people, creatures, and performances. These encounters could be short scenes, performance installations, giant puppets or anything you can imagine. The encounters can be as closely or as loosely inspired by events and/or ideas in Homer’s The Odyssey. *If you are interested in participating as an Encounter please submit a description of your encounter idea or pre-existing work, relevant video/photo documentation and the names/number of performers involved.*

**Guides:** The roles of the Guides are akin to that of stage managers and production team. They will be involved in logistics such as keeping the boats together and troubleshooting whatever might come up during the festival. *If you are interested in participating as a Guide please submit a description of your past crowd control/tour guide experience as well as your familiarity with rivers and canoes.*

If you wish to be part of this process in any, all or a combination of these roles, please e-mail your submissions to [myque.franz@gmail.com](mailto:myque.franz@gmail.com) or [zita.nyarady@gmail.com](mailto:zita.nyarady@gmail.com). Also, if you know of other people who may be interested in participating, particularly as encounters, please forward this call to them. Submissions are due April 1st,2013.

The day following the performance, August 24th, we will have a giant party at the Franz family farm to celebrate our wedding. You are all warmly invited to this, whether or not you can participate in the theatre festival.

If you have questions, comment or concerns let us know.

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Luck, Love and Laughter,

Zita Nyarady and Myque Franz