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**THE CONSTRUCTIVISTS ANNOUNCE CAST AND CREATIVE TEAM FOR
THE TOTALITARIANS BY PETER SINN NACHTRIEB**

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 – (Milwaukee) The Constructivists are excited to announce the Cast and Creative Team for **THE TOTALITARIANS** by **PETER SINN NACHTRIEB** running Saturday, October 15, through Saturday, October 29, 2022 the **Interchange Theater Co-Op** (formally the 10th Street Theater), 628 N. 10th St, Milwaukee, WI 53233. The production is directed by Artistic Director **JAIMELYN GRAY**.

The talented ensemble is comprised of returning artists **Matthew Scales** (*To Fall in Love, The God of Hell, The Nether, Wink*) as Jeffrey, and **Ekene Ikegwauni** (th/th) (*Wink, Babel*) as Ben, and welcomes new Artists to the Constructivists **Maggie Marks** (s/h) (Sunstone Studios, Renaissance Theaterworks, Bard & Bourbon Theatre Co.) as Penny, and **Haley Ebinal** (s/h) (Voices Found Repertory, All In Productions, Skylight Music Theatre) as Francine. They will be joined by a Creative Team comprised of Constructivists Artists **Sarah Harris** (s/h) (Set Design), **Les Zarzecki** (h/h) (Set Construction), Associate Artists **Laura Sturm** (s/h) (Meisner, Voice, Movement, Intimacy Direction), **Rebekah Farr** (Assistant Director), and **Maya Danks** (Costume and Prop Design). Returning artists to the Constructivists are **Derly Vela** (h/h) (Sound Design), **Matthew Huebsch** (h/h) (Media/Videography), and **Wyatt Meyer** (h/h) (Production Manager), with new Constructivists team members **Isabelle Flores** (Lighting Design), **Jamey Feshold** (h/h) (Fight Direction), **Clayton Mortl** (h/h) (Production Intern), and **Mia Palmer** (s/h) (Stage Management) completing the team.

THE TOTALITARIANS is a 2015 dark comedy set in Nebraska – a state which may just be on the brink of revolution. Penny, a compulsive and compulsively watchable candidate for state office enlists the help of Francine, a silver-tongued operative. Francine’s husband Jeffrey, a doctor, is lying to his dying patients—one of whom opens his eyes to Penny’s nefarious plans for the Cornhusker State. The play is a raucous dark comedy about the state of modern political discourse, modern relationships, and how easy it is to believe truths without facts.

ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT: Peter Sinn Nachtrieb is a San Francisco-based playwright who often writes

about misfits, biology, apocalypse, and people struggling against large systems. His work has been seen off-Broadway and across the world including at Ars Nova, Woolly Mammoth, Seattle Rep, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Southern Rep, Barrington Stage Company, Kitchen Dog, Merrimack Repertory and in the Bay Area at Z Space, A.C.T., Encore Theatre, Killing My Lobster, Marin Theatre Company, Impact Theatre, and The Bay Area Playwrights Festival. His plays have received numerous awards including the Will Glickman Prize, The Stavis Award, The ATCA/Steinberg New Play Award, among others.

Peter is an alumna of New Dramatists and was the Mellon/HowlRound Playwright in Residence at Z Space in San Francisco 2013-18. He holds a degree in Theater and Biology from Brown and an MFA in Creative Writing from San Francisco State University.

COVID Protocols

The Constructivists will continue to put the safety and health of their artists and patrons first in the coming season. They will keep monitoring recommendations from health professionals and require masks and vaccine and testing protocols when necessary.

Dates and Production Information

THE TOTALITARIANS

By Peter Sinn Nachtrieb

Directed by Jaimelyn Gray

Saturday, October 15 – Saturday, October 29, 2022

Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30pm

Sunday Matinees at 4pm

Interchange Theater Co-Op, 628 N 10th St, Milwaukee, WI 53233

Ticket Information

Tickets will be available through theconstructivists.org. They are \$20 in advance. If you have questions about purchases, please call The Constructivists info line at 414.858.6874. Discounts will be available for Artists, Students, Seniors, and Groups. Contact The Constructivists for more information.

About The Constructivists

It is a vast understatement now to say the human connection live theatre provides is needed more than ever. The Constructivists are committed to creating viscerally driven theatre, exposing and exploring the complexity of human nature and the perils it creates in an effort to challenge, enlighten, educate, and entertain a diverse mature audience. The Constructivists believe passionate theatre is the necessary catalyst for change.

The Constructivists were named the Best New Theatre by Milwaukee Magazine in 2018.

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