
Weekly Newsletter: 13 Aug 2018



Treating trauma through Shakespeare and Science.

This week: Ah, the glory of the road.

This week we are working on our van #VanLife, and helping my mother out a bit (for those who may not have heard, my father passed away last month), so we thought we'd use this newsletter to share some of this year's "speed

bumps".



We've actually been lucky, but it hasn't been easy...

Somewhere in ND, in triple digit temps, 150 miles from anything, changing a tire has been one of our more challenging moments.

Since April 1st (our wedding anniversary) we've put on over 25,000 miles! From NYC to Fort Worth, TX, to Boston, MA, to Sharon, CT back to LaCrosse, WI, then on to Saskatoon, SK Canada, down to Whitefish, MT and back to NYC. With an abundance stories and stops along the way, here are just a few...

"why these" you ask? Because these are stories of people helping us out on our mission to DE-CRUIT Veterans nationwide. People of differing ideologies and politics. In every case it's been a story of people coming together, in order to "come together", not to talk politics or to debate headlines; but instead, these are people helping without caring about what news channel we watch.

THIS is what DE-CRUIT, "Cry Havoc!" and #VanLife are all about.



In DE-CRUIT news...

Fort Worth, TX officially has a full time DE-CRUIT program. Amphibian Stage Productions hosted both a run of Cry Havoc! and a 24 hour-three week course of DE-CRUIT, and it had such an impact on both the Veteran and the community that Artistic Director Kathleen Culebro decided to make it full time program at their theater! Linsey Retcofsky (front row, far left) spear-headed to effort to establish DE-CRUIT at Amphibian, but alas, she has taken a teaching position at a local college. But, like the force that she is, published sonnet writer, Veteran and current service member Robin Ludwig (front row, far right) stepped up and took over the program. Classes continue every Monday, 6-9pm CST at the theater, I video conference in every week, come join us!

<http://www.amphibianstage.com/>



In OTHER DE-CRUIT news...

We are launching our GoFundMe campaign to provide stipends for our upcoming DE-CRUIT classes for Veterans in Lehigh Valley, PA; Saratoga Springs, NY, Samaritan Village, NYC; and at a second class in NYC.

We need your support to both donate and share this link. 100% of funds received are both tax deductible AND go towards stipends for Veterans who participated.

https://www.gofundme.com/annual-fundraiser-to-decruit-vets?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=email&utm_content=campaign_link_t&utm_campaign=welcome

Cry Havoc! news...

In July, CRY HAVOC! performed in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada! It was incredible!!! It was pouring rain all day, and, like so many Shakespeare Festivals, the stage is under a huge tent (and nestled next to the Saskatchewan River), which made it impossible to hear...Yvette Nolan and Dawn Stern went to work, what magic, what conjurations they made? I know not; but 8 minutes before "places", the rain stopped, the clouds literally ran away, the sun shined bright and a perfect-temperature breeze blew through the tent. If that weren't enough, a fantastic, responsive, beautiful crowd braved the earlier weather to join us! My time with Yvette is always magical... but between the weather, the fantastic response, the press, the other shows, and the time just talking about how theater could save the world, was exactly the medicine that I needed. THANK YOU Yvette, Phillip, Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan, and the artists, Veterans, and people of Saskatoon!

<https://www.decruit.org/2018/07/cry-havoc-an-incredible-one-man-show-ctv-saskatoon-news/>

Did I mention we saw a wonderful Hamlet AND a production of Titus... with puppets?!





#VanLife...on our way to Fort Worth

"Stephan, don't be mad; but we have a leak". These were Dawn's carefully selected words to wake me at 0300 somewhere in Ohio, in the midst of a thunderstorm. We were on our way to Amphibian Stage Productions in Fort Worth, TX for a run of Cry Havoc! and to run a three week DE-CRUIT course for local Veterans (more on that anon). It seems the rough highways of PA broke not one, but TWO bolts in our roof tracks, which attach our solar panels to the roof. Dawn, after we cleaned up the mess, did her research and found Creative Mobile Interiors, run by a husband/wife team. They fixed roof, among other repairs, and offered a HUGE discount because of the DE-CRUIT work that we do. Thank you CMI!! If you'd like to thank them too, here's their website:

<http://www.creativemobileinteriors.com/>



Person(s) of Interest

Yvette Nolan (center) is my dear friend, and my idol. Here is the Wikipedia description of her: ([Algonquin](#)) is a [Canadian](#) playwright, director, actor, and educator based out of [Saskatchewan](#), Canada. She was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. She has contributed significantly to the creation and performance of [Indigenous theatre](#) in Canada.

And here is one of her books (Medicine Shows) that I have on my required reading list for DE-CRUITers:

<https://www.playwrightscanada.com/index.php/medicine-shows-indigenous-performance-culture.html>



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Robin Ludwig is a mother, a wife, a Veteran and current service member in the USAF Reserves. In spite of this demanding schedule she has taken the position of Director of DE-CRUIT, Fort Worth at Amphibian Stage Productions... oh AND she writes Sonnets! We're not the only people impressed with her, she was recently featured on the <https://veteranartistprogram.org/> Podcast: Listen Here: <https://veteranartistprogram.org/034>

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