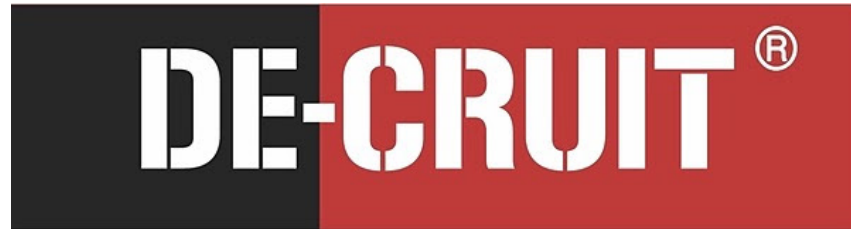

2022 in Review AND Big News for 2023!!



Treating trauma through Shakespeare and Science.

A DE-CRUIT NEWSLETTER



What a year we've had

& What a year is coming!

Celebrating and Sharing with you:

Highlights from 2022

BIG plans for 2023...

and a plea for help.

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Celebrating DE-CRUIT's 2022 with YOU

We were back to a heavy touring schedule in 2022. We delivered live performances of *CRY HAVOC!* We developed, produced, and performed **three** new adaptations of Shakespeare from a trauma survivors' perspective as means to facilitate conversations in communities around using the arts as a tool to address traumatic stress. We continued to conduct DE-CRUIT workshops, full courses, presentations by military Veterans and more.

Here are some communities where we taught and performed in 2022:

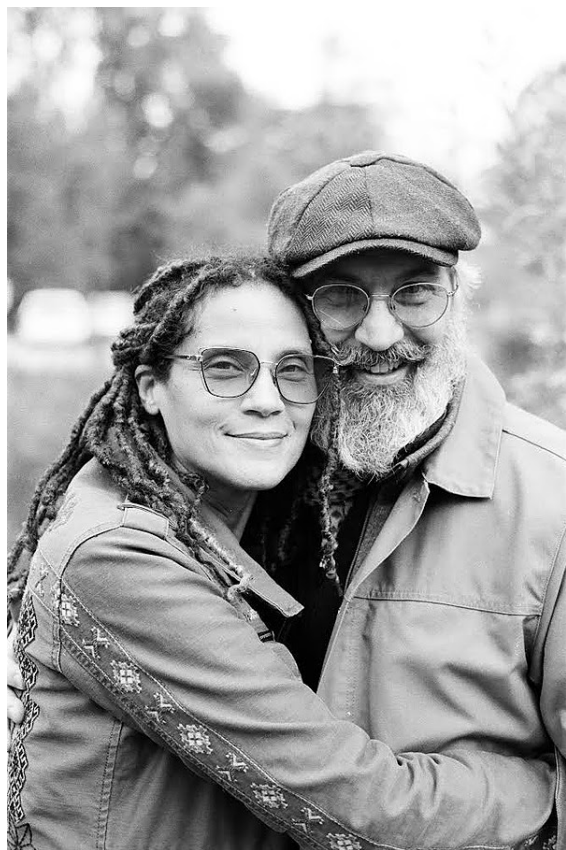
- CZ Republic, Prague Shakespeare
- Fort Worth, Texas, Amphibian Stage
- Vermont, Norwich University
- Ohio, Cincinnati Shakespeare
- Massachusetts, Boston 33rd Annual International Trauma Conference
- California, Marin Shakespeare Prison Outreach, Solano State Prison, Folsom State Prison, San Quentin State Prison

- California, Marina, Veterans Transition Center/Veterans Healing Veterans
- NYC, Theatre Row
- Dr. Bessel Van der Kolk's Trauma Research Foundation's TRF Tuesdays
- Alaska, Fairbanks Concert Association - September/December
- NY, James J Peters Bronx VA
- Illinois, Chicago

- Arizona, Southwest Shakespeare

- Play Based Healing Summit for Trauma Research Foundation
- Idaho, University of Idaho
- Minnesota, Minneapolis, Dr. Bessel Van der Kolk's TRF Trauma Certification Module
- The Bahamas, Shakespeare in Paradise -





BIG NEWS FOR 2023! **Two Important Announcements**

2023 will bring two important shifts in our lives.

Shifts for DE-CRUIT, and shifts for Dawn and me personally.

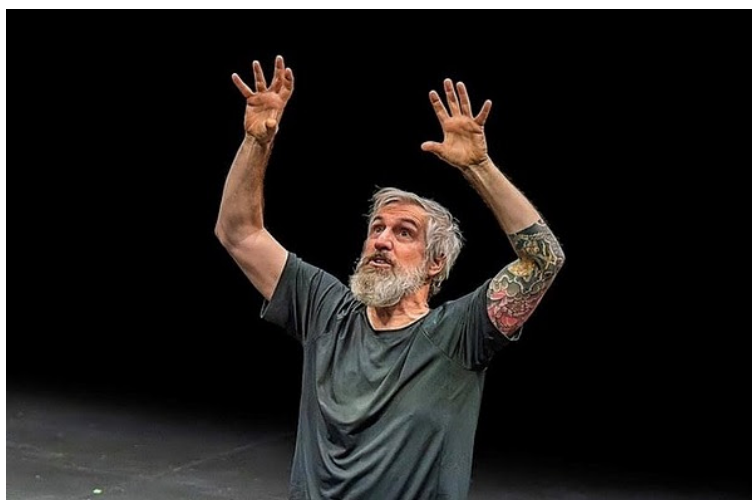
First...

***CRY HAVOC!* News**

**I am retiring from my solo show
*Cry Havoc!***

What began as a graduate school thesis project in the late 1990's turned into more than a decade of touring, culminating in over 500 performances, in over half of the United States and seven other countries. I am truly humbled by the response to my story. Astounded and honored to have heard so many other heart-wrenching, glorious, tragic, and triumphant stories shared during the town-hall style talk-backs held after the show. My years as an Army Airborne Infantryman have taken a toll on my back and knees and I'm feeling the toll of the show on my body, psyche and spirit. It is time for me to retire from my own show.

Cry Havoc! lives on thanks to a film version by military Veterans Paul & Tom Mooney. That film will be available *free* online. Further, the script



itself is now available licensing through [Beth Bickers](#) at APA.

Now what? Help me become a licensed clinical social worker better equipped to handle the trauma in the spaces DE-CRUIT holds.

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IN 2023 STEPHAN GOES BACK TO SCHOOL!

I have been accepted to Simmons University's accelerated Masters of Social Work (MSW) program.

I will become a licensed therapist to deepen the level of care, training and support that DE-CRUIT can offer in the rooms. And after FIVE years of VanLife touring, it allows for Dawn and I to transition into more permanent housing for us and a home for DE-CRUIT.

[DE-CRUIT was invited to join Trauma Research Foundation's Therapeutic Alliance!](#)

Meanwhile DE-CRUIT programming will continue while I am in school. Navy Veteran Damasa Doyle along with COO Dawn Stern will continue to deliver DE-CRUIT to Veterans at the Bronx VA. Alex Mallory continues DE-CRUITing in Chicago. And, Amphibian Stages continues with DE-CRUIT in GreenBay Jail, Texas. I will be delivering DE-CRUIT at two international trauma conferences and one Shakespeare conference while the team will be working diligently to fulfill our NEA Creative Forces, NEH Discussions with Formerly Incarcerated Veterans, and the Laurie M. Tisch Foundation's Illumination grant programming requirements.

[We're on page 3!](#)

I Need Your Help

Tuition and books for Simmons' Accelerated MSW four-term program comes to \$80,000. **First term tuition of \$20,000 is due Jan 3rd, 2023.**

A teaching-artist gig-life means I do not have income or savings to cover the costs of school.

Will you help me continue to be of service promoting healing for our nation's military veterans and all those who care for them? **Your tax-deductible donation to DE-CRUIT is an investment in me and community-level trauma treatment nationwide.**



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