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Theater Schmeater tackles race in Athol Fugard's
"Statements After An Arrest Under the Immorality Act"

SEATTLE, WA - Theater Schmeater is proud to announce *Statements After an Arrest Under the Immorality Act* by Athol Fugard, running Thursday- Friday, July 21st through August 12th. A devastating love story about an interracial couple hiding their love in South Africa during the heights of apartheid.

Errol Philander, a black African and local principal, has been sneaking into the library at night for secret assignments with a white librarian, Frieda Joubert. We see them one night as they share their hopes and fears until they are discovered by police; Their love is illegal under apartheid and they are arrested. Fugard writes the second half of the play as a surreal poem - unwrapping the psychological effects of institutional racism and exposing the characters innermost fears.

Statements... was written in 1972 by Athol Fugard based on pictures he saw in the newspaper of an interracial couple being arrested for "immorality." He created a play that is specific in its setting but universal in its themes of love and racism. This play shows us how destructive hatred and ignorance can go.

Beautiful, poetic and tragic this show is a great continuation of Theater Schmeater's season celebrating and telling the stories of outcasts.

Note: This performance has full frontal nudity, loving sexuality and fear of intimacy.

Tickets available at BrownPaperTickets: statements.brownpapertickets.com

Cast:

Man... Darien T
Woman... Amanda Rae
Policeman...Chris Shea

Production Team:

Director... Emily Marie Harvey
Assistant Director... Jordan-Michael Whidbey
Stage Manager... Jessamyn Bateman-lino
Costume Designer... Julia Evanovich
Lighting Designer... Dave Hastings

Dialect Coach... Marianna de Fazio

Theater Schmeater is a small theater located at 2125 3rd Ave in the Belltown neighborhood of Seattle, WA. Celebrating it's 25th season, Schmeater produces intimate, quality theater that drives conversation and human connection through shared experiences. More information about our upcoming shows can be found at <http://www.schmeater.org>

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