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Theater Schmeater to Present Video Game Thriller
“Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom”

SEATTLE, WA - Theater Schmeater is excited to announce its production of “Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom” by Jennifer Haley. This show is equal parts suburban satire, techno thriller and dark comedy and plays September 22nd through October 14th at Theater Schmeater.

In a suburban subdivision with identical houses, parents find their teenagers addicted to an online horror video game - *Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom*. The game setting? A subdivision with identical houses. The goal? Smash through an army of zombies to escape the neighborhood for good. But as the line blurs between virtual and reality, both parents and players realize that fear has a life of its own.

The play begins very much in the real world, familiar yet slightly askew. As it goes on, however, “the sprawl” the characters inhabit slowly becomes more digitized and game-like. The world of the game bleeds and seeps into the suburbs like a virus. That ominous foreboding turns to horror as Neighborhood 3 and its denizens reach a nail-biting conclusion that shocks us back into the real world ramifications and consequences of our actions.

“It’s easy to say a show like this is some alarmist rally cry against video game violence. This is not a play about video game violence. It’s about what happens when idyllic nuclear-family fantasies begin to crack out of fear, mistrust and lack of communication between generations and neighbors. How the fear of The Other manifests when social privilege is confronted,” says director Andrew Shanks.

Schmeater is excited to produce a show by up and coming playwright Jennifer Haley. Her controversial show *The Nether* is being produced by Washington Ensemble Theater next Spring.

Jennifer Haley is a playwright whose work delves into ethics in virtual reality and the impact of technology on our human relationships, identity, and desire. She won the 2012 Susan Smith Blackburn Prize for her play *The Nether*, which premiered with Center Theatre Group in Los Angeles and has been produced off-Broadway, on London’s West End, across the US and internationally. She is a member of New Dramatists in New York City and lives in Los Angeles, where she founded the Playwrights Union.

Tickets available at BrownPaperTickets: n3rd.brownpapertickets.com

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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