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ALLEY CAT THEATER TO PRODUCE *PLANK*, A NEW PLAY BY JOHN GREINER-FERRIS AT THE BOSTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

PRESS NIGHT: SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Boston, MA (6.26.2017) **Alley Cat Theater** (<u>www.alleycattheater.org</u>) will present *Plank*, a new play by John Greiner-Ferris and directed by Megan Schy Gleeson. Plank will open on Saturday, August 26 at the Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts where it will run until Saturday, September 16.

The full schedule is:

Friday, August 25: Preview, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 26: Opening Night/Press Night, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 30: PWYC, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 31, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 1, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 2 Matinee, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 2, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 6: PWYC, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 7, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 8, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 9, Matinee, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 9, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 10 Matinee, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 14, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 15, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 16, Closing Night, 8:00 p.m.

Plank is a funny, thoughtful, irreverent, sometimes sad story about Potpee, a woman who is happy and content, adrift on a plank of wood in the middle of the ocean, then she's "rescued." *Plank* addresses some of the most important issues of our time including climate change, refugees, the TSA, Sponge Bob, and how certain political



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parties resemble swarms of killer bees. *Plank* is for anyone ages 14 and above who seeks intelligent, compelling stories that push the boundaries of theater.

Plank features:

- Poornima Kirby as Potpee
- Liz Adams as Mercedes, and Chop when playing the Ocean
- Sydney Grant as Thimble, and Spume when playing the Ocean
- Fray Cordero as Swell
- · Adam Lokken as Fetch.

You can read their bios and meet the design team here: http://www.alleycattheater.org/plank.html

Tickets can be purchased at Boston Theater Scene by visiting: http://www.bostontheatrescene.com/season/Plank/

Or calling the box office at: 617.933.8600.

You can also visit the box office: **Calderwood Pavilion Box Office**527 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02116

- Adults \$25.00
- Students \$\$12.50, one ticket per performance with a valid student ID
- Preview \$12.50

About the playwright:

John Greiner-Ferris's plays have been produced in Boston, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Cambridge and Provincetown, Massachusetts, as well as other cities throughout the United States. *Highland Center, Indiana* was a semifinalist at the Eugene O'Neill Center's Playwriting Conference. *Turtles* was a finalist at The Inkwell in Washington, D.C. as part of its Development Showcase and was further developed at Great Plains Theatre Conference. *Plank* opens this August in Boston at the Boston Center for the Arts after being further developed during a residency at Vermont Studio Center. John is the founding artistic director at Alley Cat Theater, a member of StageSource, the Dramatist Guild, and co-founder of Boston Public Works Theater Company. www.johngreinerferris.com.

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