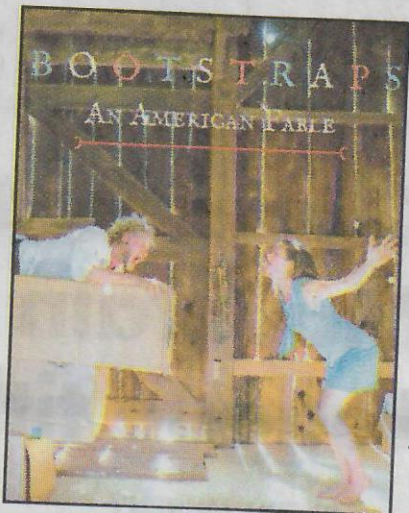


"Bootstraps: An American Fable"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Please join the Springfield Community Players on Thursday Aug. 17 and Friday Aug. 18 to support The Art Monastery Project's performance of "Bootstraps: An American Fable." This summer production of "Bootstraps: An American Fable" has been preparing to tour around Vermont, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire sharing this powerful call and catalyst to action.

This performance is raw and sets out to challenge audiences to question how we treat people who look different than us, who come from different communities, and different backgrounds. In an environment of white privilege, "Bootstraps: An American Fable" takes on the task of challenging viewers to look at the role white people play in perpetuating and dismantling systems of oppression. Furthermore, this performance highlights the slow awakening of contemporary America, where white people are learning how they benefit from an America that is deeply rooted in white supremacy. It serves a purpose to engage in honest and open conversations about the ways racism and classism affect our communities, specifically communities of color. There is no better time than now to educate and teach how white people can "exploit their power towards justice." Additionally, "Bootstraps: An American Fable" has created a minimalist set made exclusively of recycled cardboard.

The Art Monastery Project is an international nonprofit organiza-



Bootstraps - An American Fable.

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tion "focused on the process and products of art-making as well as the inner life of the artist." The Art Monastery Project is dedicated to personal awakening and cultural transformation through art, community and contemplation. Many of their performances touch upon the intersection of creativity, contemplation, and community. They strive to make art new and exciting, in addition to giving audiences something to think about.

The performances will be hosted at the Springfield Community Players Studio on 165 South Street in Springfield, Vt. Tickets can be purchased at the door or reserved in advance. If you wish to reserve tickets, visit www.springfieldcommunityplayers.org or call the studio at 802-885-4098.