

both hands theatre company

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Golden Belt, Greenfire, and both hands theatre team up to create abundance in downtown Durham

Durham, NC May 20, 2009 –“How do you create abundance in your community?” That’s the question both hands theatre company has been asking pretty much everyone they see lately. The responses have been...well...*abundant*. They range from “try to give my whole self, my full attention, to those I interact with” to “spend plenty of money at my favorite store to help the economy.” The response from Scientific Properties and Greenfire Development? “Partner with both hands theatre company to help bring **the abundance project** into being.”

The folks at Scientific Properties, Greenfire Development, and both hands theatre company all agree: local artists are vital to a lively, abundant future for downtown Durham. So when both hands theatre company went looking for partners in their newest creation—a new theatre piece exploring the idea of abundance in our community—these two crackerjack development groups jumped in.

For many months now, the both hands gang has been gathering in the basement of a downtown Greenfire building to write, create, and rehearse **the abundance project**, which will open May 29 at Scientific Properties’ incredible Golden Belt event space. Greenfire’s Allison Spencer is enthusiastic about active creativity in the downtown community, noting that “partnerships with organizations like both hands theatre company play an important role in enhancing the character and quality of life in Durham.”

Nancy Kitterman, curator of artistic collaborations at Golden Belt, said “We are excited about both hands theatre company’s latest project. The collaborative nature of their creative process and the often uncharted themes of their work appeal to our mission to grow a vibrant and robust arts scene at Golden Belt. Downtown Durham is fortunate to have such a rich and *abundant* arts scene with gems like both hands theatre company.”

both hands theatre company is known for creating and producing new work in unique and often transitional downtown spaces, having performed in Liberty Warehouse, a defunct Morris Street bar, a former deli, and even the Baldwin Lofts first floor that’s now home to Revolution. “We’re thrilled to be part of the growing excitement in downtown Durham. To bring creative energy to a space and see it

transform: that's a real joy," says Kissane. Chamblee adds, "The spirit embodied in these kinds of partnerships—that's the unique Durham feeling that drew us back to this area in 2002. We're lucky to have so many local businesses like Greenfire and Scientific Properties who are invested in the creativity local artists bring. It's not generic; it's not cookie-cutter; it's very Durham. That surely feels abundant to us."

The two say that Golden Belt is the perfect spot for **the abundance project**. "It's a very intimate show in the middle of a 10,000 square foot space full of windows and history and room to breathe. What could feel more abundant than that?"

the abundance project will run May 29-June 12 at Golden Belt (Building Two) at 807 East Main Street in downtown Durham. **the abundance project** was written by Cheryl Chamblee and Tamara Kissane, with contributions of text and ideas from 30 community members. The project is being directed by Cheryl Chamblee and features LaMark Wright, Laurie Wolf, and Thaddaeus Edwards. Contributing to the design and production of **the abundance project** are Adam Sampieri, Carolyn Chamblee, Greg Myer, Jodi Porter, Joe Keilholz, Karen Burns, Lance Waycaster, and Tamara Kissane.

Showtimes are at 8:00pm on May 29-30, June 5-6 & 11; 7:00pm June 7 & June 12; and a late show at 9:30pm on June 12. Admission is \$10 on Thursday. Admission is \$15 on Fridays-Sundays. Running time will be approximately 65 minutes with no intermission. Tickets go on sale on May 10. For further information, theatregoers can visit www.myspace.com/bothhandstheatre. For reservations, call the both hands box office at 919.226.2002.

For more information about both hands theatre company and **the abundance project**, please contact artistic directors Cheryl Chamblee and Tamara Kissane at 919.280.9040 (mobile), 919.493.7972 (mobile), or 919.226.2002 (voicemail). Photos are available.

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