



Introducing Thomas McKechnie!

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Thomas McKechnie is a Toronto-based playwright, creator and activist. He was a member of the 2013-2015 Soulpepper Academy as a playwright. Writing credits include, theatre: The Thirst of Hearts (Soulpepper), Valkyrie (Rarely Pure Theatre, Toronto Fringe), ...and the aeroplanes fall into the sea. Collective: A Wake for Lost Time, there/GONE, A Kitchen Sink Drama ([elephants] collective), Tell Me What It's Called (Tell Me What It's Called Collective), A Good Man is Hard to Find (Soulpepper Academy). He also plays in the folk punk duo We're From Out West.

A quick Q&A with Thomas:

Pi Theatre: What is your favorite quote?

Thomas: "We live in capitalism. Its power seems inescapable. So did the divine right of kings. Any human power can be resisted and changed by human beings. Resistance and change often begin in art, and very often in our art, the art of words." - Ursula K. Leguin

Pi: What is your favorite off-time activity?

T: There is a ball diamond in Toronto that sits at the bottom of the hill and I like to sit on it in the summer and watch little league games, the U18s are pretty good players already so it's always a good game. Just sit there and smoke a joint and watch people play baseball.

Pi: What's your favorite book/play?

T: War and Peace

Pi: What is your personal philosophy?

T: We are here to make things and love each other and one of the things we need to make is the end of capitalism.

Pi: What is your great moment?

T: Whenever someone tells me that 4 1/2 changed their life is always a pretty beautiful moment. Maybe sitting on the beach by the Scarborough bluffs high on acid with my friend staring at the waves for hours.

Pi: Any other interests/skills/hobbies?

T: Union organizing, political consciousness raising, I can name every country in the world.

4 1/2 (ig)noble truths by Thomas McKechnie runs April 25-27! Tickets are only \$22 and they're on sale now!