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**MONK PARROTS
PRESENTS**

***THE ART OF DEPICTING NATURE
AS IT IS SEEN BY TOADS***

Directed and conceived by Luke Leonard

JANUARY 29 & 30



THE ART OF DEPICTING NATURE AS IT IS SEEN BY TOADS is a progressive art event featuring two men and two toads engaged in a two-hour endurance test. Part theater, part performance art, all exploration, **THE ART OF DEPICTING....**challenges perceptions of human behavior and reality.

"How you live changes your brain--Thought changes our life and our behavior."
--Milton Glaser

The production produced by **Monk Parrots** will play Friday, January 29 at 7PM and Saturday, January 30 at 4PM at the **University of Texas at Austin's Lab Theatre**. Admission is free. Reservations & directions: theartofdepicting@gmail.com. Featuring Luke Leonard and Ben Schave.

Luke Leonard is a third year M.F.A. in Directing candidate at The University of Texas at Austin. He was born in Houston and began studying theater in Texas before moving to New York where he received a B.F.A. in Acting from Brooklyn College. Recent directing credits include: Israel Horowitz's *L'INDIANO VUOLE IL BRONX* (Teatrino delle Sei, Spoleto, Italy), Mac Wellman's *BAD PENNY* (The Blanton Museum of Art), and Stephen Adly Guirgis' *OUR LADY OF 121ST STREET* (The Lab Theatre). In 2010, he will direct a new opera by Obie award-winner Mac Wellman and Pulitzer prizewinner David Lang called, *THE DIFFICULTY OF CROSSING A FIELD*.

Ben Schave is an actor, physical comedian, variety performer, and movement instructor in Austin, Texas. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre from the University of Texas at Austin. He trained at Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Clown College and performs around the U.S. with his wife, Caitin Reilly, in their company, Schave & Reilly.

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Monk Parrots contribute to culture through presentations of time-based artworks. The group supports interdisciplinary and international exchange and provides opportunities to emerging artists.

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