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Intersections International to Present Veteran-Civilian Programming as Artists in Residence for the Straz Center, Tampa

NEW YORK, NY – October 18, 2013 – As Artists in Residence at the renowned Straz Center for the Performing Arts, Intersections International — a New York City-based non-profit organization formed in 2007 — presents Veteran’s Day programming tailored to Tampa Bay area veteran, active duty and civilian communities.

Emboldening community between civilians and veterans, Intersections’ Theatre, Engagement & Action program (TE’A), will present a dynamic, original performance piece called “Cadence: Home” at the Straz Center. Developed from conversations with more than 40 returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan, “Cadence: Home” presents an intimate, honest and compassionate entry into the world of four veterans recently returned home. Tracing their collective journey to reconnect with their friends, their lovers and their losses, the performance offers “insight into the inner journeys and outer struggles of veterans who are trying to reestablish their lives and relationships,” says Vieve Radha Price, TE’A founder and Director of Insight Approach for Intersections.

Through their highly successful Veteran-Civilian Dialogue (VCD) program, Intersections has been working with veterans and civilians since 2009 to build community that bridges the divide. “The Veteran-Civilian Dialogue slashes away the tangled vines of presumption surrounding war and its ethos on veterans and civilians,” says Rebecca Summers, US Navy veteran and manager of Intersections’ VCD Program. “VCD creates deeply personal connections rooted in common experience, enabling the dialogue to continue long after the facilitated conversation is over.”

Bringing Tampa Bay area civilians and veterans together at the Straz Center, VCD will facilitate transformative conversations exploring the comings-and-goings that shape “home” from veteran and civilian perspectives.

A performance of Cadence: Home will take place at 7:30pm Monday, November 11; tickets are $25 for the general public. Free and discounted tickets are available for active duty, veterans, family, seniors, groups and students. Please visit the Straz website (strazcenter.org) for details and restrictions. A facilitated Veteran-Civilian Dialogue will be held at 3:00pm on Tuesday, November 12; admission is free but an RSVP is required (rsvp@Intersections.org, subject line: Straz VCD). Both events take place in the Jaeb Theatre, at the Straz Center for Performing Arts, 1010 N. Macinnes Place, Tampa, FL  33602.
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**About Intersections International**

Founded in 2007, Intersections International uses face-to-face dialogue, social media and the arts to work across lines of difference with communities in conflict. Dedicated to building respectful relationships among diverse individuals and communities, to forge common ground and develop strategies that promote justice, reconciliation and peace, Intersections is a multi-cultural, multi-faith, permanent initiative of the Collegiate Churches of New York, the oldest corporation in North America, dating back to 1628.

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