For Release at Your Discretion:

LESS MISERABLE
(Victor Hugo’s classic tale told through song)

For the entire month of June 2012, over seventy underground artists from around the country have converged in the woods of northern Vermont to mount a monumentally ambitious and unabashedly DIY adaptation Victor Hugo’s epic novel about post-Napoleonic France. This operatic take on Hugo’s sweeping narrative comes complete with badass musical arrangements, a 20’ diameter revolving stage, and a cast, crew, and set requiring 3 veggie-oil school buses for transportation. After opening in Vermont’s Northeast Kingdom, the production will tour for one week along the I-95 corridor.

Celebrate US Independence Day by remembering the failed Parisian rebellion of 1832! Save the dates!

July 2: Providence, RI (The Steel Yard, 27 Sims Ave)

July 3&4: Brooklyn, NY (Bobby Redd Project Space, 626 Bushwick Ave.)

July 5: Baltimore, MD (The Bell Foundry, 1539 N. Calvert St.)

July 6&7: Philadelphia, PA (The Beaumont Warehouse, 50th St. & Beaumont Ave.)

ALL SHOWS BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 8PM AND RUN APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS, INCLUDING AN INTERMISSION.

This production is directed by Donna Sellinger (of Wham City and The Missoula Oblongata), with orchestration and musical direction by Stephen Cooper (of Kagel Nacht and Cloud Becomes Your Hand). Vocal direction by Anna Young. Set design and construction captained by members of The Miss Rockaway Armada and Minneapolis-based artist Mitchell Dose. Costume design by Leslie Rogers.

Our cast and crew include opera singers from Kansas City, urban farmers from Philadelphia, immigrant rights activists from Tucson, punk musicians from Portland, comedians from Baltimore, kinetic sculptors from Minneapolis and LA, radio personalities from New Orleans, and many, many more.

During intermission, audience members can peruse an extensive bazaar of art, music, and crafts made by the artists involved. Look for specially commissioned prints by famed artist Erik Ruin, made specifically for this production!

For more information, e-mail: FriendsOfTheABCCafe@gmail.com

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