

Norwegian Rabbit

An Exciting New Play

September 8, 10:30



Gary Geddes will be reading from his new play, *Norwegian Rabbit*, about **Leon Trotsky on the morning of his assassination in Mexico City**. Trotsky was arguably the brightest and most powerful figure in the Russian Revolution, stopping the German invasion in its tracks during World War I, and handling the subsequent civil war. He was also a Jew, a Ukrainian, an intellectual who loved the arts, and much more.

On that fateful morning, three months after the attack on his life by twenty armed Mexican Stalinists, which left his grandson wounded and his house riddled with bullets, Trotsky knows his days are numbered, but refuses to take precautions or diminish his support for a Fourth International devoted to permanent revolution. He struggles to write articles, review an anonymous Stalin biography, and battle with the psychological demons from his turbulent past, including incidents during the war and flashbacks to two scenes with his initial hosts Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera and their friends American actor Edward G. Robinson and French artist-theorist André Breton.



Geddes is the author and editor of more than 50 books and recipient of a dozen national and inter-national literary awards. His first play was *Les maudits anglais*, with Theatre Passe-Muraille.

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