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THEATER OF WAR: PHILOCTETES IS PRESENTED AT THE 2015 WORLD CONGRESS OF PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY

Washington, DC (July 24, 2015) – Outside the Wire, a social impact company, will present a performance of Philoctetes at the 2015 World Congress of Psycho-Oncology at the Marriott Marquis Washington in Washington, DC on July 31, 2015 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

Theater of War: Philoctetes is an innovative project that presents readings of Sophocles’ Philoctetes as a catalyst for town hall discussions about chronic illness and suffering as it touches patients, families, caregivers, and health professionals. This unique, participatory event is intended to promote healthy discussion among diverse communities - public and professional - fostering compassion, cooperation, and understanding. The project is also a teaching tool used by medical institutions, such as Harvard Medical School, the Mayo Clinic, Weill Cornell Medical College, St. Louis Children’s Hospital, and the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

The presentation is approximately 2 hours long. The readings from the play are followed by discussion with panelists from the community, and a facilitated town-hall style audience discussion.

This performance will feature Zach Grenier and Alex Morf. Translated, Directed & Facilitated by Bryan Doerries. Produced by Phyllis Kaufman.

About Outside the Wire
Outside the Wire is a social impact company that uses theater and a variety of other media to address pressing public health and social issues, such as combat-related psychological injury, end of life care, prison reform, political violence and torture, and the de-stigmatization of the treatment of substance abuse and addiction.

To date, there have been over 300 performances of Theater of War for military and civilian communities throughout the United States, Europe and Japan. Over 60,000 service members, veterans, and their families have attended and participated in Theater of War performances and discussions.

Visit Outside the Wire’s website: www.outsidethewirellc.com to find more information about all of our projects, watch a short video of a performance, and find out about recent and upcoming performances. You can also find Theater of War on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheaterofWar

About the American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS)
APOS is the only multidisciplinary organization in the United States dedicated to the psychological, behavioral and social aspects of cancer. APOS membership consists of 450+ multidisciplinary practitioners and scientists from psychiatry, psychology, social work, nursing, oncology, clergy, patient advocacy, and social and behavioral health scientists who collaborate to apply clinical, translational, behavioral and psycho-oncological research into psychosocial oncology practice. The mission of American Psychosocial Oncology Society is to advance the science and practice of psychosocial care for people affected by cancer. www.apos-society.org

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