

BROAD STREET MINISTRY & Stillpoint Productions, 315 S. Broad St. A New York director, an anarchist Christian band and Philly's most diverse church have joined hands for a unique production based on the classic tale of the Knight of the doleful countenance "QUIXOTE". Of course Broad St. Ministry and director Lear Debessonnet turn Cervantes masterpiece on its head by using puppets, original music by THE PSALTERS, a wild bunch of dancers and an unforgettable Rosinante by puppet master Robert Smythe. QUIXOTE focuses its dramatic attention on the question, "Is it insane to believe in a more just world?" The cast is an awe inspiring mix of 4 professional actors (Kate Benson, David Brooks, Gian Murray Gianino and James Scruggs) plus 30 community members ranging from doctors and lawyers to homeless people and

students. We came to opening night expecting the usual variation on Man of La Mancha or some such (and we have seen many versions of the Don). Let us reassure you. We have never seen a Quixote like this one! The raw energy of the music and dancing provide a brilliant background for the crazed Knight and his faithful Sancho. The Psalters look mean and scruffy but sing and play with a lovingly cynical heart. After each performance a community meal is served creating an opportunity for an unusual relationship between the artists and the community. If you sit with the cast members you've got another treat coming- the person sitting next to you may come from Bulgaria or Norway and you'll have a ball talking to them. Runs to June 7, call 1-800-838-3006 for tickets.