

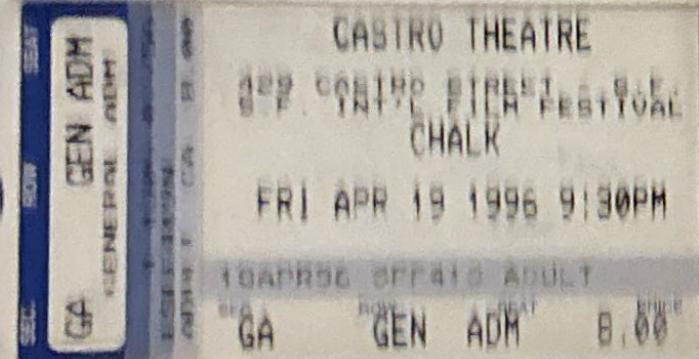
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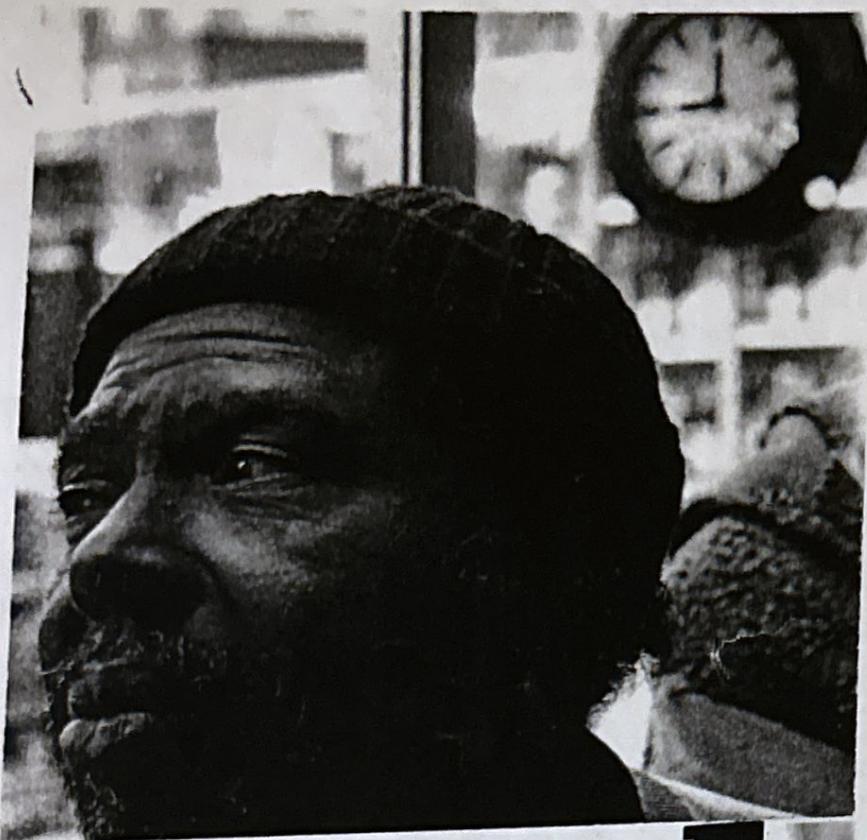
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OCTOBER 10, 1998

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# Tenderloin actors' group uses real life for new kind of drama

## Workshops provide film material, catharsis

By Daisy Nguyen  
OF THE INDEPENDENT STAFF

On Wednesday nights in the Tenderloin, a haven from the noise, energy, and confusion on the streets exists inside the Golden Gate YMCA.

There, a drama group, the Tenderloin Action Group (TAG), is meditating and raising artistic expression to a new level.

Volunteer filmmakers, local residents, and the recently homeless gather for a free workshop that trains participants in film acting with an emphasis on personal empowerment and emotional accessibility.

"The methods are appropriate for life," says Rob Nilsson, a filmmaker and TAG co-founder, who encourages a period of meditation in his workshop before the intense improvisational acting exercises begin. "The purpose is to bring out a feeling, a button within oneself, to push and explore inner joy, rage, or despair," he says.

### "An edge and raw quality"

The purpose, on a deeper level, is to allow the participants to develop as individuals and as artists.

"Coming from the streets, there's an edge and raw quality that puts you in contact with deep places within yourself," Nilsson explains in regard to his interest in working with Tenderloin residents. "Street people are more authentic. The genius is that you're in a place where life exists at a basic level. People are living in extremes, so behaviors are real because they do what they can to survive."

During one of their midweek workshops, Nilsson asks Edwin Johnson, a 60-year-old participant, to stand in the center of a circle of 12 people. Nilsson then asks five women to surround Johnson and place their hands on him in a collective embrace. He asks Johnson to take on the role of a fallen man who has "betrayed" himself and everyone he loves. The women console Johnson, tenderly touching him with their caring hands and gaze.

After a moment of silence, Johnson falls to the floor and yells out: "I failed! I lied! I can't talk about it." Two cameramen record the scene, focusing on Johnson's face. The women continue to console Johnson, as Nilsson circles the group and encourages him to explore his feelings. "Tell the truth, Edwin," he says. "There are five women whose hands are on you, they're reaching out to you. Feel! Feel! Don't use a bunch of words, this is not a story."

When the action settles, the participants return to their seats and discuss the experience. Johnson sits calmly and shares his thoughts with the group: "I felt I was receiving strength, trust, and acceptance. It felt soothed; I didn't have to tell a story because there wasn't any jury."

"Good, Edwin," Nilsson says. "I think we just saw another level of you that we haven't seen before."

As the process continues, everyone in the room is

asked to stand in the center of the room and take on a certain role. The purpose of the exercise remains consistent: to explore one's feelings. In scenes that require two people, Nilsson asks them to kneel down and stare attentively into the other's eyes for a minute or two.

The technique, which Nilsson learned from karate lessons, he says, is intended to empower, challenge, and comfort participants when they take on a certain role, whether it is that of a betrayer, a fool, or a manipulator. They often explode in anger and rage or burst out in pain or laughter, he says — all within the safe confines of an acting workshop.

As the workshop progressed, attracting participants from all walks of life with its open-door policy, a collective energy — a desire to move on to a higher level of expression — emerged. The next level resulted in a feature film.

Nilsson's interests in street life began in 1990, when he moved into the Pontiac, a South of Market transient hotel, to search for his brother Greg, who had been missing and homeless for more than a decade. Inspired by thoughts of his brother, Nilsson, who has won the Camera d'Or prize at the Cannes Film Festival for his film *Northern Lights* and a Sundance Film Festival Grand Prize for *Heat and Sunlight*, spent the ensuing months writing a screenplay called *Hope for the Fourth Ace*. While conducting research for the screenplay, he tried to find a supporting cast from among the people he'd met on the streets. Together with producers Rand Crook and Ethan Sing, he started the Tenderloin Action Group to train participants for the film.

### Chalk created

Nilsson joined longtime collaborator Don Bajema to write a screenplay featuring characters designed for specific TAG members, with a story influenced by workshop improvisations and the actors' own life histories. The film, titled *Chalk*, was shot over a period of four years with a volunteer crew and was financed by personal donations and Bay Area billiard clubs. *Chalk*, which cast members from TAG, is about small-time pool hustlers.

Johnnie Reese was living in a Tenderloin-area homeless shelter when he met Nilsson and became a workshop participant. Attending the workshop, he said, helped him survive some trying times. "It was something positive to do in a negative time," he says. "The workshop was unique because most people were down on their luck, and it provided a place for them to go to instead of wandering around this neighborhood." The camaraderie that formed in the workshop made TAG participants his second family, says Reese, who stars in *Chalk* along with fellow



PHOTO: RORY McNAMARA

**WORKSHOP:** Participant Michael Disend takes part in a Tenderloin Action Group exercise.

participants Edwin Johnson, Don Bajema, and Kelvin Han Yee.

After the movie was made, "my luck began to pick up," he says. "Let's just say I moved from living in a matchbox to living in a refrigerator box now."

*Chalk*, which received acclaim at this year's San Francisco International Film Festival, is currently playing at the Lumiere Theatre, on California Street near Polk Street. It is the first of four films that Nilsson and the TAG team are producing this year. As for the workshop, Nilsson and TAG participants continue to meet every Wednesday night, meditate, and work on improvisational exercises.

"The workshop is an outlet where I can be spontaneous and trusting," Ciara Arnette, a TAG participant, says. "Rob created such a safe place, where people are nonjudgmental, noncompetitive, and I can come in and naturally vent. A lot of people are destitute, and for them the workshop provides a sort of therapy. I tell you, each week I go back there and get petrified [of doing the improvisational exercises], but each time I walk away feeling a rush, learning more about my inner self and what I'm capable of."

Nilsson remains committed to TAG and its projects despite the constant challenge of a limited budget. "What we have is the most forward-looking group that I know," he says. "We are pushing the envelopes because we see the power in the everyday person, not just the actor."

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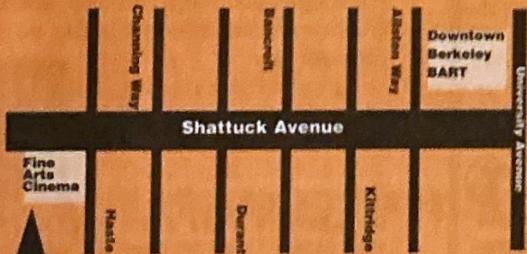
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CHAN IS MISSING Directed by Wayne Wang 7:15 pm

ALPHAVILLE Directed by Jean Luc Godard 8:50 pm  
Sat also 5:20 pm

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Sun 8 - Wed 11 Orson Welles/James Wong Howe  
THE STRANGER Directed by Orson Welles 7:15 pmBODY AND SOUL Directed by Robert Rosen  
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East Bay PremiereAMAZON JOURNAL Directed by Geoffrey O'Conner  
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