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THEATRE GIGANTE, CELEBRATING ITS 30th Season, presents METAMORPHOSIS adapted, written, and directed by Isabelle Kralj

**at Kenilworth 508 Theatre
January 25 - 28, 2018
One weekend only!**

*When Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from troubled dreams,
he found himself changed into a monstrous cockroach in his bed.*

Thus begins one of Kafka's most Kafkaesque novellas!

Based on Franz Kafka's novella by the same title, Gigante's *METAMORPHOSIS* explores the deep and disturbing effects of alienation, as it relates the bizarre story of Gregor Samsa, who one morning wakes up finding himself turned into a monstrous, verminous bug. Isabelle Kralj's heightened cartoon-like interpretation, told through text, music and movement, dances along the edge of horror and humor.

To underscore this cacophonous and highly stylized adaptation of the story, Kralj has incorporated music by Slovenian composer Borut Kržišnik. Intensity, diversity and exciting changes are the main characteristics of his music, and his profound stylistic eclecticism is absolutely perfect for Gigante's production. Hailing from Ljubljana, Slovenia, Kržišnik is an internationally respected composer, perhaps best known for his work with British film director, Peter Greenaway.

Alan Piotrowicz, a well-known Milwaukee lighting and set designer, will add his talents to the production with his minimalist set and expressionistic lighting design. Alan last designed for Gigante in 2015, when he created an intense atmosphere for Gigante's production of *Terminus*.

Costumes are designed and constructed by Gigante's longtime designer Marion Clendenen-Acosta.

METAMORPHOSIS, directed by Kralj, is rounded off with her choreography and the improvisational contributions of dancer Edwin Olvera – a Gigante regular and a member of Pilobolus, an internationally acclaimed dance theater.

In addition to Olvera, the talented cast includes Gigante regulars Ben Yela and Ron Scot Fry and newcomers to the Gigante stage, Selena Milewski and Hannah Klapperich-Mueller.

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tickets and showtimes

METAMORPHOSIS
Kenilworth 508 Theatre
Kenilworth Square East
1925 E Kenilworth Place
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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January 25	7:30pm	(w/post-show reception)
January 26	7:30pm	(post-show talkback)
January 27	7:30pm	
January 28	2:00pm	

Tickets:

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Ticket Prices:

\$25 General; \$20 Senior; \$15 Student

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