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## **Lawrence Howard Invited to United Solo 2012**

PORTLAND, OR – July 3, 2012 – Lawrence Howard, creator of the one-man show, ***Shackleton's Antarctic Nightmare: The 1914 Voyage of The Endurance***, has been invited to participate in the third annual United Solo Festival in New York City. The 140-minute production will take place at Theatre ROW on 42nd Street in the heart of New York's theatre district on October 24, 2012 at 3:30. He has also been awarded a generous Professional Development Grant from the Regional Arts & Culture Council (RACC) in support of this tremendous artistic opportunity.

"***Shackleton's Antarctic Nightmare*** is a perfect fit for United Solo," Lawrence said in his bid to participate, "because it embodies what are, to me, the classic attributes of solo performance: with no set, no costumes, no props, no fancy lighting, a lone performer holds the stage and singlehandedly creates an entire universe with nothing more than gesture, words and voice. This is a return to the ancient roots of theater. This is theater at its most elemental, most essential core."

Apparently United Solo agreed, because Lawrence Howard was selected from among hundreds of solo artists from all over the world. A board consisting of the festival creators and other accomplished artists selects shows in a vast range of categories, including storytelling, improv, dance, puppetry, multimedia, stand-up, magic, tragedy, comedy, music, and other forms of solo theatre. Participation is by invitation only. The festival is held between October 11 and November 18, 2012. More information can be found at the festival website: [www.unitedsolo.org](http://www.unitedsolo.org) and in their **Press Center**.

### **About Shackleton's Antarctic Nightmare**

This is the gripping, true story of Sir Ernest Shackleton and the 1914 voyage of The Endurance. Shackleton's dream of being first to traverse the Antarctic continent became a nightmare when his valiant ship was trapped in the pack ice of the Weddell Sea and crushed by the pressure of the ice. The story of how he and the 27 men of his expedition survived on the ice and eventually came to

safety is an epic tale of hardship, courage, and endurance. The show has had three sold-out runs in Portland, Oregon at Portland Story Theater.

Photographs, YouTube clips, and additional information about the show can be found at:

[www.portlandstorytheater.com/armchairadventurer/shackleton.htm](http://www.portlandstorytheater.com/armchairadventurer/shackleton.htm)

Reviews can be found at:

[www.orartswatch.org/storytelling-a-wintery-tale-of-amazing-fortitude/](http://www.orartswatch.org/storytelling-a-wintery-tale-of-amazing-fortitude/)

<http://topics.oregonlive.com/tag/Ernest%20Shackleton/index.html>

### **About Lawrence Howard**

Lawrence Howard, one of the original founders of Portland Story Theater, launched the Armchair Adventurer series after a tremendous response to his world premiere of ***Shackleton's Antarctic Nightmare*** in 2008. The Armchair Adventurer is a three-part series of original works that has been received with great enthusiasm: ***Shackleton's Antarctic Nightmare*** (2008, 2009, 2012), ***Mawson's Mettle*** (2010) and ***Polar Opposites: Amundsen, Scott, and The Race For The Pole*** (2011). Lawrence is originally from New York but has lived in the Pacific Northwest most of his adult life. He has a keen fascination for Antarctica, is a lover of limericks, and enjoys homemade ginger ale. He lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife, Lynne Duddy, who directed ***Shackleton's Antarctic Nightmare***.

Photographs and additional information about Lawrence Howard can be found at:

<http://www.lawrencehoward.name/presskit.htm>

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