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Experience "GROUNDED," a Compelling One-Woman Play, in the Maryland Hall Bowen Theatre from August 4th to 20th

From the award-winning playwright of Elephant's Graveyard, George Brant, comes the story of an ace fighter pilot whose career in the sky ends early due to an unexpected pregnancy.

"A searing piece of writing. . . gripping. . . a must see." (The Guardian)

About GROUNDED

GROUNDED is a work of extraordinary psychological intensity. It is the story of a female ace fighter pilot who, after interrupting her career to have a child, has been removed from flight duty and reassigned to operating drone missions in hostile territory. Against the background of removal from flying an actual aircraft – a job she loved – the protagonist is reassigned to operate military drones from a windowless trailer outside Las Vegas, she hunts terrorists by day and returns to her family each night. As the pressure to track a high-profile target mounts, the boundaries begin to blur between the desert in which she lives and the one she patrols half a world away.

The play explores the concept of moral injury, in which war fighters apply deadly force at no risk of physical harm to themselves. The field of human conflict has always been a prime subject for human drama. Technological advances have transformed warfare profoundly, in some cases, from a deadly physical contest between human beings to the killing of others without risk to oneself. **GROUNDED** treats this subject with a blunt and graphic honesty. It offers no resolution and leaves the viewer with unanswered questions.

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9 SHOWS ONLY!

Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays August 4th through August 20th.
Friday and Saturday performances at 8PM and Sunday performances 2PM with discussion afterward.

All Sunday matinees will offer a free post show discussion led by [Touchstones Discussion Project](#)®. The number of individual participants will be limited to 15 and participants will need to register upon purchase of tickets.



Buy tickets [here](#).

For more information, contact: 410-280-5640 or info@marylandhall.org.



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All Sunday matinee shows of [GROUNDED](#) are FREE to retired or active military with ID through the Blue Star Museums Initiative.

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About Maryland Hall

At Maryland Hall, visitors can enjoy the arts in countless ways—whether signing up for a class, attending a performance, visiting the on-site galleries, meeting artists-in-residence, volunteering, or spending time on the campus. Maryland Hall is proud to welcome more than 100,000 people to enjoy the arts each year. Our Hall is Home campaign is a reinforcement of the organization's continual commitment to Art for All.

Presented by In Character Productions, LLC, in partnership with Touchstones Discussion Project© at The Bowen Theatre, Maryland Hall, Annapolis MD 21401.

GROUNDED is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.
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<https://touchstones.org>
<https://incharacterproductions>

Disclaimer:

Please note that this production of Grounded contains strong language and may be offensive to some viewers and/or inappropriate for children. It is intended for mature audiences only. This production addresses the subject of combat by the armed forces of the United States. Some language and images may not be suitable for younger viewers or for others who may find it offensive.