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THIS WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE
touring North America, February to April and
September to November, 2018

A play for two actors
written by Michael Hedley Burton
and performed by Michael Burton and Christian Peterson

concerning the birth of the idea of the
Threefold Social Organism, 1917-1919

Rudolf Steiner's Threefold Social Organism was an attempt to make war impossible. 100 years later, could its time be now?

In 1917 the Austrian social reformer Rudolf Steiner described his vision of the *Threefold Social Organism* in an attempt to rescue Germany from a devastating World War. By limiting the power of the state, Steiner showed how war could become impossible. Two actors, playing a dozen parts between them, show how the people of the time received this idea.

This War is Not Inevitable has recently been done in 35 performances in Australasia and Europe and is now on its second U.S. tour. Audiences have been deeply affected by the way this play shows a historical situation while at the same time linking this with the very issues that are taking place in our own time.

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The following comments were made by audience members from our very first U.S. performances:

Stupendous performance ... Deeply touched in my heart ... a reckoning of something awakening after a period of one hundred years.

Dottie Zold, Urban First Aid, West Hollywood

A superb performance. The staging and the creativity of the two actors brought history to life. The ending was profound and moved me deeply.

David Leighton, Camphill California

The audience ... gripped from start to finish; both Michael and Christian held us in the palms of their hands! ... So many lines were applicable to our political situation today! In my view—an important piece of work and a MUST SEE, especially for the next generation—who are our hope to change and shape the future for the better!!!

Kirsten Ramsden, Carmel

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Two actors take on a dozen different characters and, by portraying the historical events of 1917-1919, give us deep and poignant insights into what is happening in our present time. ***Social threefolding, by countering both excessive state power and the tyranny of raw economic forces, is an idea that is desperately needed in the world today. It will appeal to all who care about the problems of our time and who wish, in the actions of their own lives, to help society to transform to something better.***

In this play the audience sees many people who were antagonistic to Steiner's ideas. All of them, from the bureaucrat who is too busy to take responsibility to the smiling villain, committed to blocking anything that upsets his interests, present arguments against change. These arguments are essentially the same as the retarding voices that are all too present in many places today—both in the outer world and also in ourselves. But this play shows also people who were prepared to go out of their comfort zones in order to become instruments of change in the world: There is Otto who, meeting Steiner in Berlin in 1917, was inspired to put himself through a crash course in self-transformation. There is the founder of the Waldorf School Movement, Emil Molt, who put everything on the line in order to create a new movement of education where children would not be burdened by the dogmas of the past. And there is the originator of the idea of the Threefold Social Organism, Rudolf Steiner. Yes, this performance is also a unique opportunity to meet with Rudolf Steiner—or at least the character of Rudolf Steiner as one actor portrays him!

By entering into the situation of Germany at her time of great crisis, the audience perceives and feels how social threefolding carries great potential that is needing to be taken up anew in our own time.

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7:30pm

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