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Lifeline Theatre Hosts James Sie Book Event, October 4

Award-Winning Playwright And Former Lifeline Ensemble Member Returns On Book Tour For Debut Novel

CHICAGO – Lifeline Theatre is thrilled to welcome **James Sie** to Lifeline Theatre for a book event and signing on **Sunday, October 4** from **6:30- 8 p.m.** Sie was a member of the Lifeline Theatre artistic ensemble from 1985 -1997, where he served as a playwright (*Island of the Blue Dolphins* – Non-Equity Jeff Award: New Adaptation, *The Road to Graceland* – After Dark Award: New Work, *Dracula* – Non-Equity Jeff nomination: New Adaptation, *A Wrinkle in Time* – Non-Equity Jeff nomination: New Adaptation), director, and actor.

Sie returns to Lifeline for a free event to promote his debut novel (with illustrator Sungyoon Choi), ***Still Life Las Vegas: A Novel***, published August 11 by St. Martin's Press (called "an often mesmerizing look at grief and coming of age" by *Publishers Weekly* and "richly imagined and beautifully written with a well-realized setting and memorable characters" by *Booklist*). The evening will include a wine and cheese reception, a concert reading selection from the novel featuring current Lifeline Theatre ensemble members, and a Q&A session moderated by Lifeline Artistic Director Dorothy Milne, followed by a book signing with Sie. Copies of *Still Life Las Vegas: A Novel* will be available for sale in the Lifeline lobby.

James Sie was born and raised in New Jersey, the son of immigrant parents. He attended Northwestern University and lived in Chicago for many years, working as an actor and an award-winning playwright of literary adaptations. Since moving to Los Angeles, James has written and starred in the solo show *Talking With My Hands*, about his Chinese/Italian upbringing, for the Mark Taper Forum/East West Players and the NWAAT in Seattle. He has contributed essays for *The Rumpus* and *The Advocate*. In addition to writing, Sie is also a voiceover artist, known for *Jackie Chan Adventures*, *Kung Fu Panda: Legends of Awesomeness*, and *Ice Age: The Meltdown*.

WHAT: **James Sie Still Life Las Vegas Event** – Featuring reception, reading, Q&A, and book signing
WHEN: October 4; 6:30-8 p.m.
WHERE: Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL. Handicapped accessible. Parking available (street and lot – see below); CTA accessible (Red Line Morse stop/buses). Free designated parking lot west of the theatre at the NE corner of Morse and Ravenswood.
TICKETS: FREE (but reservations required); 773-761-4477 or info@lifelinetheatre.com

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Now in its 33rd season, Lifeline Theatre is driven by a passion for story. Our ensemble process supports writers in the development of literary adaptations and new work, and our theatrical and educational programs foster a lifelong engagement with literature and the arts. A cultural anchor of Rogers Park, we are committed to deepening our connection to an ever-growing family of artists and audiences, both near and far. Lifeline Theatre – Big Stories, Up Close.

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