

“If you don't know who you are, you can be anyone you want to be.” - Vaguen

**LIFE IS EASIER WITH
“THE POWER OF IGNORANCE”**

We constantly hear people saying things like, "You think too much"; "You're too smart for your own good"; or "Have you seen the 'man who knew too much'? Good film isn't it?".

These phrases suggest that subconsciously we know that thinking is bad; ignorance is good. Obviously the time has come for "the Power of Ignorance".

Congratulations. By turning up to this seminar you have taken the first step on a journey* like no other. Your guide on this journey will be Vaguen, Master of Ignorance. At the end of this journey there will be a door**, the door to Ignorance.

Vaguen will open the door to Ignorance, push you through, and lock it behind you. The rest is up to you ...

* - metaphor

** - another metaphor

Vaguen has been preaching the value of Ignorance for over 10 years. We are very proud to have convinced him to come over to Canada and spread his wonderful message here. We hope that you will gain as much from what he has to say as we have.

Chris Gibbs and T.J Dawe.

Chris Gibbs

Chris “Hilarious” Gibbs first became known to Winnipeg audiences for his role as **“the short one”** in the comedy duo, **HOOPAL**. Their physical comedy shows, **“A Quiet Night In”**; **“A Very Different Night with Hoopal”** and **“Pure Hoopal”**, were very popular at the 1997, 2000 and 2001 Winnipeg fringe festivals. In 2002 his first one-man show **“GIBBERISH”** won a **“Best of the Fest”** award here. Chris was first introduced to Vaguen and his ideas in the summer of 2002. Chris says, **“It usually comes as a surprise to people to learn that I have always had a hard time getting over my extreme lack of self-confidence. Last year I was facing the prospect of a summer tour with a one-man show and I was terrified. I embraced The Power of Ignorance and I managed to fight the “knowledge” that I wasn’t good enough, and my show “Gibberish” went on to be a sell-out hit across Canada and received massive critical acclaim. (“Gibberish is comic genius” – Edmonton Sun) I attribute all my success to what I learned from Vaguen, and look forward to seeing the effect he has on others.”**

TJ Dawe

TJ Dawe is well known in Winnipeg and across Canada as the creator of such theatrical masterpieces as **“Tired Cliches”**, **“Slipknot”** and **“Tracks”**. Less well-known is the

fact that he is evil. A fact he revealed to one lucky Montreal audience in 2001 during a performance of Hoopal's **“Pure Hoopal”**. TJ tortured Peter “the tall one” Mielniczek with a broom before evilly advertising his own show. A bond formed between himself and fellow evil-doer Chris Gibbs. So it was only natural that when TJ discovered Vaguen's philosophy he thought of Chris.

On their collaboration TJ says, “all of my most successful shows have been about working in a terrible job. As a result of that success I've almost run out of terrible jobs to write about, so working closely with a man of Chris's abilities and personal habits seemed like a great way to come up with material for fringe 2004.”

Charles Ross

Charles Ross is a BC actor who followed his heart and his career to Halifax, N.S in 1999. Out East, he has worked for Neptune Theatre, Festival Antigonish, Willpower Theatre and Two Planks and a Passion. BC audiences would have seen Ross, a graduate of the University of Victoria with a BFA in performance, in Victoria at Eclectic Circus and Theatre SKAM.

He has co-produced the **“One-Minute Play Festival”** for three years in Wells, BC.

He does not appear in **“The Power of Ignorance”**, nor does he have anything to do with it.

Why not see “Tracks”, written, performed etc by TJ Dawe, or “One Man Star Wars Trilogy”, directed by TJ Dawe, or “Toothpaste & Cigars”, co-written by TJ Dawe?

This is Vaguen's first seminar-tour of Canada's fringe festivals, but he has appeared to North American audiences before; as the subject of a short film by U.S. filmmaker **Jeff Sumerel**, who had been introduced to Vaguen by fellow American **Sam Reynolds**.

To find out more about Jeff Sumerel's work check out www.spontaneous.net

The Producers etc would like to thank ...

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All the volunteers.

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Mrs. Nicole Barnett

You've nearly run out of things to read. So, while waiting for the seminar to begin, why not increase your Ignorance Power with these brain teasers, taken from "Vaguen's Bumper book of fun Fun!", soon to be released by Vanity Press...

Unscramble these letters to form a nine-letter word.

Ear Coning (hint – "The Power of _____")

Unscramble these letters to form a nine-letter word

Nice Organ (hint – "The Power of _____")

Unscramble these letters to form a nine-letter word

Groin Acne (hint – "The Power of _____")