Puppetry at the Carriage House
Thank you for coming, we’re excited to be featuring three artists next season. Our next P.A.T.C.H. Artist-in-Residence work-in-progress presentation will be Emily DeCola on Friday December 5, 2014

Conceived, Designed, Performed by James Godwin
Directed by Tom Burnett
Written by James Godwin and Tom Burnett
Sound Design by Tom Burnett
Stage Management by Celli Clemens
Produced by Jean Marie Keevins for Little Shadow Productions

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"The Flatiron Hex" is a solo puppet performance that tells the story of Wylie Walker, a contract shaman who works for NYORG, a city in the middle of a swamp. Wylie uses his unusual talents to solve problems and do routine maintenance on the city’s interweb bio-technology. Due to the haunted land and sentient mainframes, Wylie faces many occult adversaries. Storms constantly threaten to destroy NYORG, but a secret feature of the Flatiron building keeps the storms at bay, that is as long as the cloud-code is cracked and the correct ritual procedure is followed. Inspired by speculative fiction and neo-noir, “The Flatiron Hex” is peek inside a parallel world infected with intelligent viruses and paranoia. Elements of the fantastic collide with the everyday to become evocative of a magical reality. It’s also the tale of a quest, a journey of redemption and sacrifice.

The gel of invisible membrane that blurs the line between illusion and reality stimulate the emotions in the visual/visceral world of live theatre. Throw into this strange ether a high level of expertise in puppetry/performance, and the interplay of audience, performer, and inanimate objects brought to life, deepen the experience, creating new, intriguing, surreal, and hilarious landscapes. In this new world, the world of the Flatiron Hex, it is our on-going collaborative challenge to walk the tight rope whose tension gives birth to that interplay, delivering an escape into the imagination for all who bear witness. It is a balancing of many forces that bring a vision to the stage, not least of which is the result of extensive rehearsal. Enjoy!

-Tom Burnett, Director
The Flatiron Hex