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## **TCG to Distribute New Publisher: 53rd State Press**



NEW YORK, NY – Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce that it is now the distributor of **53rd State Press, a publisher of new plays and performance texts that interrogate, challenge, renew and emblazon the language of performance.** 53rd State Press’s current catalog

includes innovative works by noted ensemble theatres Pig Iron Theatre Company and Nature Theater of Oklahoma, as well as by playwrights and artists including Erin Courtney, Erik Ehn, Sibyl Kempson and Kristen Kosmas.

Founded in 2007 by Karinne Keithley Syers, who was joined shortly thereafter by Antje Oegel, 53rd State Press is co-edited by Keithley Syers and Oegel, who work on a small, sustainable model, publishing writing for performance that particularly tends toward new directions in the theatrical imagination of language. 53rd State Press is also engaged in finding and distributing documentation of interdisciplinary performance and choreographic composition.

**“I started the press out of an impulse to both preserve and disseminate the writing coming out of my community. All these extraordinarily imaginative pieces of performance language were being written, but for the most part were heard, or if lucky staged, for no more than two or three nights... I was inspired by indie rock labels in the sense that I felt we could take responsibility for representing ourselves.” — *Karinne Keithley Syers, founder of 53rd State Press***

The 2013-2014 53rd State Press catalog will feature the following titles: *Seagull (Thinking of You) + Family and Away Uniform* by Tina Satter (to be published in September); *Another Tree Dance* by Karinne Keithley Syers (October); *There There*, a bilingual edition in Russian and English by Kristen Kosmas (December); *Another Telepathic Thing*, including supplementary interviews with company members, by Big Dance Theater (March); *The Rude Mechs: Three Plays*, with archival material and running commentary (June) and *53rd State Press Occasional No. 2* edited by Antje Oegel (date TBD). For more information on the press and its upcoming titles, visit [www.53rdstatepress.org](http://www.53rdstatepress.org)

All titles by 53rd State Press are available for purchase at the TCG Bookstore on [www.tcg.org](http://www.tcg.org), as well as at other fine bookstores.

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