



“TO BEGIN THE WORLD OVER AGAIN: THE LIFE OF THOMAS PAINE”

A one-act drama written and performed by **IAN RUSKIN**

Monday, October 6, 7:30pm, 206 BTSU206

Ian Ruskin's one-man show “To Begin the World Over Again: The Life of Thomas Paine” leaps from the stage and captures the living essence of our nation's brilliant, fiery, and most radical Founding Father. It brings to life the wit, contradictions, and contrariness of a man whose intellect and words shaped our national character, inspiring us always to be our better selves. Written with the guidance of five eminent Paine scholars, the play is edgy, entertaining, and educational. Of interest to students and faculty across disciplines--particularly in culture studies, history, literature and rhetoric, theater, political science, and sociology--this play takes you on an extraordinary journey of revolutions and of a world shedding its old skin and looking to ideas of freedom and democracy and above all, justice and equality. Today there is the Occupy movement, back then there was Thomas Paine.

Ian Ruskin is an actor, writer, social activist and independent scholar who studied drama at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, and has lived and worked in Los Angeles since the 1980s. His historical one-man plays have won both critical and scholarly praise, and have wide academic applications.

This event is presented with the support of the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society, the Graduate College, the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Cultural and Critical Studies, the Department of Theater and Film, the Department of English, and the BGSU Honors College.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Christine Bichler, cbichle@bgsu.edu.