



## **Go Beneath the Surface**

Undermain Theatre  
to Bring Neil Young's *Greendale* to Ice Factory Festival in New York City

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Undermain Theatre, through special arrangement with Wixen Music Publishing, is pleased to announce the transfer of its production of *Neil Young's Greendale* to this summer's Ice Factory Festival presented by Soho Think Tank at the Ohio Theatre, 66 Wooster St. in New York City.

The Ice Factory Festival is an **OBIE** award-winning summer festival of new work where artists can take risks, try out new ideas, and bring their projects to a new level. Plays introduced at the Ice Factory Festival have gone on to garner Drama Desk nominations, Obie Awards, Audience First Awards in Edinburgh, Off-Broadway productions, commercial runs, and national and international tours. ICE FACTORY '08 will mark the 15th Anniversary of the festival.

Ice Factory Festival's Artistic Director, Robert Lyons has invited Undermain to perform *Neil Young's Greendale* on July 23-26, 2008. Undermain last performed at the Festival in the summer of 2000 when it presented its production of Lenora Champagne's *Coaticook*.

*Neil Young's Greendale*, the rock opera by the legendary singer - songwriter was adapted for the stage by Undermain Theatre and opened in Dallas on March 29, 2008. It runs through May 3, 2008. This song cycle has been compared to Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* and Sherwood Anderson's *Winesberg Ohio* as a portrait of the changing face of small town America. Performed with a live band and sung by an ensemble cast, *Greendale* explores the lives of three generations of the Green family through themes ranging from corruption to mass media consolidation to environmentalism.

The production will be performed by the original cast and live band composed of lead guitarist **Kenny Withrow** of **New Bohemians**. **Paul Semrad** of **Course of Empire** on bass, and Grammy winning drummer **Alan Emert**, of **Brave Combo**.

The production is directed by Undermain artistic director Katherine Owens.

Undermain is located at 3200 Main Street at Murray Street in Deep Ellum. Visit [www.undermain.org](http://www.undermain.org) or more information. For press information: Lisa Taylor, 214-943-1099 or [lisatmp@swbell.net](mailto:lisatmp@swbell.net).

For more information on Ice Factory, see <http://www.sohothinktank.org/summerfestival.htm> or call 212-966-4844

"...Greendale is an overwhelming experience, musically and theatrically."- Lawson Taitte, *The Dallas Morning News*

"As presented by the Undermain Theatre, Neil Young's Greendale is a hellacious piece of rock 'n' roll... This baby kicks; you're not likely to hear a livelier performance in any area theater."-Jerome Weeks, KERA 90.1 FM

"Undermain Theatre's performance of Neil Young's Greendale takes the rock opera close to its source: the sonic undercurrent in every small town... becoming a strange intersection of American dreams, sonic highways, and melodic bridges reminiscent of Wilder's "Our Town."- Cheryl Anderson, *Edge Dallas*

"The dense, driving sound goes right through the audience and makes for a terrific night of music and theater." -Martha Heimberg, *Turtle Creek News*