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A Rock And Roll Odyssey

KNOCKOUT DROPS
escape from bellevue & other stories

the paradise factory theater

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For those who enjoy concerts, comedy, and theater, *Escape From Bellevue And Other Stories* may be right up your alley. This real-life rock odyssey will be at **The Paradise Factory Theater** every Friday and Saturday, except Christmas Eve, from **Dec. 2-Jan. 14**.

Directed by Horton Foote Jr., *Escape From Bellevue*, was written by Christopher John Campion, lead vocalist from the Knockout Drops, and features performances from the band. Throughout the 90-minute show audiences will be treated to monologues, stories, and band performances of the songs that were inspired by Campion's real life escapades. These funny and brutally honest tales will also be accompanied by video and animated sequences.

Audiences will enjoy hearing stories about Campion's various rock and roll

antics, some of which mention how between 1998 and 2000 he was admitted to Bellevue Hospital three times and eventually became the first person to escape from the hospital since 1963. This week the Knockout Drops will be releasing an 11-song album with the same name to coincide with the opening of the show. The band, which features Campion on lead vocals, Tom Licameli on guitar and vocals, Phil Mastrangelo on bass and vocals, and Vinny Cimino on drums, has sold out venues all over NYC, including Irving Plaza, The Bowery Ballroom, and The Knitting Factory. Their last album, *Killed By The Lights*, was released on Circus Clone Records to critical acclaim.

The Paradise Factory Theater is located at 64 East 4th St. in NYC. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at smarttix.com. For more information, check out knockoutdrops.com