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Footloose presents *A Murmured Tale* by Chthonic Theater

Friday and Saturday, June 12 & 13 at 8 pm;

Late show Saturday June 13 at 10 pm

Sunday June 14, at 2 pm (All Ages Welcome)

Shotwell Studios, 3252-A 19th Street, San Francisco, 94110

Tickets sliding scale \$10-20 children under 12 \$5

Advance tickets with credit card online at

brownpapertickets.com/event/66707 or call 800-838-3006

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A Murmured Tale is a musical adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's 19th century folktale, *The Little Mermaid*, and will be presented by Footloose at Shotwell Studios, June 12-14 as part of the **AIM: Artists in Motion** series that culminates in these four shows as a work-in-progress developed this spring in preparation for their next step professionally. Chthonic Theater, created by the three sisters Erika, Rachel and Chloe Tietjen, has grown to 17 cast members including live musicians, dancers, singers, actors and choreographer, Ishika Seth. The T Sisters, as they are known, will also be featured and have a history as a singing trio in clubs, cabarets, and community events.

This show came to life in the summer of 2007 and Chthonic Theater was born; (Greek word pronounced in English "thonic" means earth; in, under, beneath as in underworld deities or spirits). Chloe has a penchant for verse in Greek mythology and brings it to the mix with Rachel's love and talent for bizarre visuals and outré costumes. Erika has a knack for harmonies and language. Added to these three, their good friend, Melanie Paterson, co-wrote the story and brought her own dynamic vision to animate the play.

Intrigued by the tragic, colorful nature of Andersen's folktale, the company made it a musical, adding a helping of the comic and the absurd. *A Murmured Tale* has benefited from the talents and personalities of various casts of musicians, actors and dancers in earlier collaborations in Baltimore where it originated. Since the sisters moved to the Bay Area in 2008, excerpts have appeared at a wide variety of gigs and venues locally, including Footloose's Women on the Way Festival. This latest incarnation pulls the complete book and music together with a talented and lively crew that is sure to sell out all four shows and return at a larger venue.

The company hosts monthly variety shows with music, dance, improvisational theater and more in their warehouse in Oakland. Through these eclectic artist gatherings they have reached out to the local performing community and made the Bay Area their home.

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