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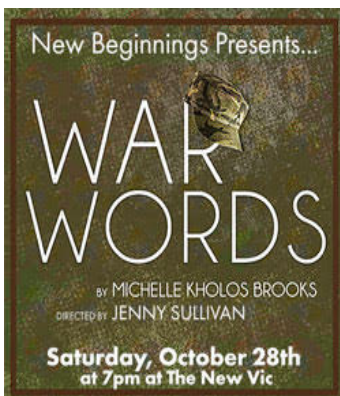
***War Words*, Pulitzer Prize Nominated Play One Night Only -
October 28 at The New Vic Theatre to benefit New Beginnings**

[Santa Barbara, CA] — New Beginnings is thrilled to present *War Words*, a Pulitzer Prize nominated docu-play in the words of the men and women who served in the U.S. Military during the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Based on the playwright's interviews with Veterans of the 20-year Long War and their families, *War Words* is composed of heroic and heartbreaking stories of the Veterans, families, and allies of people who served: those who came home, and those who were left behind. All proceeds for this event will benefit the local non-profit organization, New Beginnings. The cast includes Ron Bottitta, Joy Brunson, Chris Butler, Faline England, Zulay Henao, Michael Irby, Amy Landecker, Brian Letscher, Satiar Pourvasei, Rob Riggle, Tyler Ritter, Jonathan Tucker, and Steven Weber.

To purchase tickets, visit: <https://sbnbcc.org/annual-benefit-2023/>.

Written by Michelle Kholos Brooks and directed by Jenny Sullivan, this presentation of *War Words* offers Santa Barbara audiences a sneak preview prior to its world premiere in New York City the following week. Funds raised from this event will directly benefit the New Beginnings Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program. New Beginnings, which also operates the low cost/no cost Counseling Clinic and the Safe Parking Program for vehicular homeless, is poised to end Veterans homelessness in Santa Barbara County.

New Beginnings Exec Director Kristine Schwarz believes that “by the year 2025, Santa Barbara County will reach “functional zero” which is a dynamic milestone meaning that homelessness will be rare, brief, and non-recurring for our Veteran population. New Beginnings needs additional unrestricted funds to help this goal become a reality. For the last five years, New Beginnings has educated the community about the critical issues we address through storytelling via the arts and entertainment. The October 28 theatrical event at The New Vic Theatre is an opportunity for the community to better understand the issues our returning Veterans face and to raise additional support and awareness for our Veterans program.”



Event Details:

- ***War Words* - Pulitzer Nominated Docu-Play One Night Only Benefit Performance**
- **Saturday, October 28, 2023; 7:00pm**
- **New Vic Theatre; 33 West Victoria Street, Santa Barbara, CA**
- **Tickets: \$50; \$75 (reserved seating);**
- **Tickets are on sale now <https://sbnbcc.org/annual-benefit-2023/>**
- **All proceeds will support our Veterans and the work of New Beginnings in the community.**

For more information about New Beginnings and sponsorship opportunities for the October 28 Gala event presentation of *War Words*, please visit <https://sbnbcc.org/annual-benefit-2023/>, email Development@sbnbcc.org, or call 805-963-7777, ext. 122.