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Imp. goes to CIF9 Mainstage!

Imp. is reinvented vaudeville for the 21st-century, like an improvised cartoon using as few words as possible. **Imp.** is Asaf Ronen and Karen Eleanor Wight.

Imp. was formed two years ago and is based in NYC. In short time, the duo has developed a near legendary reputation in the festival community from its appearances across North America, including performances in Miami, Oberlin, Seattle, Toronto and Chicago.

Asaf comes to **Imp.** as a former *Cirque du Soleil* talent scout. He teaches improv nationally at festivals, is Editor-in Chief of YESand.com and has recently written the book *Directing Improv: Show the Way by Getting Out of the Way*. Karen is a classically trained actress originally from Oklahoma. She also teaches improv and is currently a member of the *First Look Theatre Company* in NYC and a co-author of the book *The Substitute Teacher's Survival Guide*.

"**Imp.** is one of the most original, breathtaking shows I have ever witnessed. The magic that Asaf Ronen and Karen Wight bring to the stage is brilliant in its execution, engaging in its playfulness, and inspirational . . . Everyone needs to see this wonderful show."

--Kevin Patrick Robbins

Executive Producer

Toronto International Improv Festival

"Both Asaf and Karen possess great physicality that gets expressed through their bodies and faces with a skill that harkens to both silent movies and the great traditional clowns of Europe. **Imp.** is a delightfully imaginative and quite wonderful performance. . ."

--Jonathan Pitts

Executive Producer & Festival Director

Chicago Improv Festival

"**Imp.** embraces the power and potential of physical storytelling and takes it to new heights with their brilliant improvisational chemistry. Karen Wight is a dynamic performer whose strong technique and contagious playfulness make **Imp.** a joy to watch. Asaf Ronen's mischievous mind and wide emotional range help to fuel **Imp.**'s comic vignettes. **Imp.** is an impressive, original, and hilarious show that is entertaining as it is timeless."

-- Sammy Wegent

Executive Producer

Gulf Coast Comedy Festival

Imp. opens for *Four Square* featuring *The Daily Show*'s Dan Bakkedahl and *SNL*'s John Lutz.

Saturday, April 29 at 10pm
The Athenaeum Theater
2936 N. Southport, Chicago, IL