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Award Winning Actor-Writer Dan Ruth Brings “A Life Behind Bars” to City Winery Tales of a Lost, Drunken New York Feature Whiskey, Dom DeLuise and Rock and Roll

New York, Feb 28 – ***A Life Behind Bars***, the award winning autobiographical solo work of Brooklyn actor and playwright, **Dan Ruth**, comes to The Loft at City Winery on April 1, 2019 at 8pm (doors open at 7pm).

Fermented in over two decades of booze, bars and gentrification, ***A Life Behind Bars*** is a hilarious and seedy tour-de-force roller coaster ride of after-hour whiskey shots, horror films and rock and roll, and an unapologetic, darkly funny look at what can happen when you reach for the stars and grab for the bottle instead. The black comedy is the critically lauded **2018 winner of the NYC MAC Award** for Spoken Word, **NYC 2018 Bistro Award** winner for Best Solo Show and **2018 Producer’s Encore award winner from the Hollywood Fringe Festival**. Ruth’s longtime collaborator, Tanya Moberly, directs *A Life Behind Bars*.

Ruth shares his story of slinging booze through comedic monologues, interwoven with characters he’s encountered while working and drinking in the bars and dives of pre-gentrification, pre-Rudy Giuliani Williamsburg, Brooklyn and Manhattan, including The Brooklyn Ale House, Curtain Up and Danny’s Skylight Room.

The Loft at City Winery is located at 155 Varick Street, NYC 10013, on the second floor. Phone: 212.608.0555. Tickets are \$15 online and \$20 at the door and may be purchased here: *A Life Behind Bars*. City Winery is easy to reach. Click here for a map and info on public transit: <https://citywinery.com/newyork/faq/>

What the critics say about ***A Life Behind Bars***:

“A Tour de Force Black Comedy.” – QLife, Los Angeles

“A Life Behind Bars deftly and raucously interweaves the gallows humor and poignant insights learned from two decades on both sides of New York bars, all while illuminating the universality of his spirited life. Don’t miss out on this clever and vulnerable show.” – Pittsburgh in the Round

“Highly impressed by the alternately hilarious and despondent Dan Ruth in ‘A Life Behind Bars.’”
Brad Schreiber of Huffington Post

“A funny, wet your pants show...with an outstanding performer and a comical but powerful message.” - Theater Pizzazz

“A Life Behind Bars affords the opportunity to watch a gifted actor flex his artistic muscles and mesmerize with a compelling story. An actor of impressive dramatic and comedic strength.” - BistroAwards.com

After winning the 2016 United Solo™ Award for Best Autobiographical Show, Ruth performed several critically lauded runs of ***A Life Behind Bars*** at The Laurie Beechman Theatre in Manhattan. He made his Los Angeles debut in January 2018 in association with the Whitefire Theatre SoloFest in Sherman Oaks, followed by an award-winning run at the 2018 Hollywood Fringe Festival. ***A Life Behind Bars*** recently concluded a run at Pittsburgh’s **Carnegie Stage**, where Dan will be returning soon for an encore (dates to be announced shortly).

Listen to Ruth's featured interview on NPR's "[The Consequence](#)" (WESA).

A Life Behind Bars was first developed with David Drake's Solo Show Shop at The Abrons Center in NYC in 2014. As Ruth continues to book the "A Life Behind Bars" throughout the country and in festivals around the world, he's writing a new solo piece as well as directing other artists, including 2018 United Solo Festival award winner, Mary Goggin and singer-actress, Andrea Bell Wolff.

City Winery is the brainchild of Michael Dorf, founder of the iconic Knitting Factory, one of New York's longest running music venues. Dorf wanted to create a space in Manhattan where he could combine his shared passions for wine and music. City Winery strives to deliver the highest-end combined culinary and cultural experience to its customers who are passionate in sharing wine, music, and culinary arts.

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