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*Local performer to spend two days in cell on Peavey Plaza to
dramatize Guantanamo detentions*



What would it be like to be arrested and taken from your home to a prisoner in a foreign country, detained without any legal status and without any charges brought before you? This is the situation that hundreds of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay have lived with for nearly 5 years.

In an event sponsored by local student, arts, and community groups, Laura Winton will enter a cell at Peavey Plaza in downtown Minneapolis on Friday, May 5th at approximately 12:30 pm, where she will remain until 10 pm on Saturday, May 6th. The impetus for the piece is two-fold: to offer a visual reminder of people who have been largely forgotten and to experience detainment for herself.

Ms. Winton is a graduate student in theatre at the University of Minnesota. She will be joined at the performance by students from theatre and other disciplines as well as local activists who will be disseminating information and will be available to talk with passersby. The event is sponsored by **Crisis Point: Theatre of Danger and Opportunity** and the **Arts Quarter World Can't Wait** and AIUSA Group 37, a local chapter of the global human rights organization **Amnesty International**.

Ms. Winton will be available for live interviews before and after her detainment (i.e. at 12:30 pm on Friday and 10:00 pm on Saturday.) Leafletters and guards will be available throughout the event.