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### Actor Caswell launches new Valley performance group

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John Caswell Jr. doesn't have a home for his new theater troupe, per se.

But that's OK.

The 25-year-old Valley actor, last seen in a pretty commanding performance in "Moby Dick -- Rehearsed" at Mesa's Desert Rose Theatre (or, for animal buffs, as a tour guide at The Phoenix Zoo), says his new troupe, The Progressive Theatre Workshop, wants to focus on "site-specific work."

("Although the future of PTW is unclear," the group's [Web site](#) says, "it should never be assumed that we proceed without direction.")

The company's first production is "Shots: A Love Story," running Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 at Desert Rose, 1320 W. University Dr., Mesa. The show, written and directed by Caswell, "examines the world of alcoholism in an effort to communicate dependency," according to the company's site. It is, the site says, based on actual events and could be offensive to some audiences.

Tickets are \$5.

For details, call (480) 329-2929 or visit [progressivetheatreworkshop.com](http://www.progressivetheatreworkshop.com).

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