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E.V. actor charts alcohol abuse in 'Shots: A Love Story'

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The first production for John Caswell Jr.'s [Progressive Theatre Workshop](#) finds the company's artistic director battling his own demons in an original play about his alcohol addiction.

But Caswell -- whose "Shots: A Love Story" runs Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 at Mesa's Desert Rose Theatre -- says his play is about more than his own struggle with the sauce.

"It is about the universal psychological state of the addict," he said in a recent press release. "I just happen to have experienced that first hand."

Caswell recounts the time when, in November 2004, his heavy drinking resulted in an extended stay in the hospital for pancreatitis -- only to relapse and return three months later.

Caswell's play, he says, also expresses his thoughts about rehabilitation in modern society.

Tickets cost \$5. For more information, visit [progressivetheatreworkshop.com](http://www.progressivetheatreworkshop.com).

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