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**LEARN THE TRUE WWII STORY OF
THE ACCIDENTAL HERO AT METROPOLIS**

Arlington Heights, Ill., April 11, 2018 – Join Patrick Dewane as he recalls the true story of his grandfather’s miraculous experiences in WWII with *The Accidental Hero*, at Metropolis Performing Arts Centre May 23, 2018.

The Accidental Hero is a multi-media one-man show about a WWII American officer who miraculously liberates the Czech villages of his grandparents. It's a true story, written and performed by his grandson.

Patrick Dewane's grandfather refused to talk about his service in the war. Yet when he died, his basement yielded a treasure trove of typewritten accounts, photos and rare film footage.

Dewane brings this archival material to glowing life as an enthralling, humorous and heartwarming tale of miraculous escapes and astonishing coincidences. This touching show runs from belly laughs to tears. Dewane takes on a dozen different roles as he powerfully recounts his grandfather's journey from Omaha Beach, the Battle of the Bulge, and the end of WWII. In the last week of the war, Konop's story turns away from a soldier's survival tale to something from mythology. He discovers his lost identity, embraced by the tribe he never knew.

The Accidental Hero will be at Metropolis on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. Tickets are free and reservations are requested. All tickets can be reserved at MetropolisArts.com or by calling the Metropolis Box Office at 847.577.2121.

The Accidental Hero is part of the 2017-2018 Season at Metropolis, bringing the highest quality live entertainment to the northwest suburbs. Upcoming shows include *Avenue Q* (May 17-June 30), *Murder Mystery Dinner: A Star is Dead* (May 25), and *Emil Viklický's Grand Moravia Trio, Featuring Ernie Adams and Petr Dvorský* (May 29).

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Metropolis is located in the heart of Chicago’s northwest suburbs in downtown Arlington Heights at the intersection of Campbell and Vail Avenue (111 West Campbell Street). Street parking is available. Free parking is available in the public garage behind the theatre. For more information about Metropolis and a list of upcoming events visit **MetropolisArts.com** or call the Box Office at 847.577.2121.

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