Las Penas Saben Nadar

**When:** Fridays-Sundays. Continues through Sept. 29 2013  
**Price:** $15-$20

The title of this work by Cuban playwright Abelardo Estorino translates loosely to "Sorrow Knows How to Swim" (though the title of the English translation is "Sink or Swim"). An actress (Rosario Vargas) has a bone to pick with an unfair world that has denied her the success she thinks she deserves; when she begins her monologue she seems self-centered in an endearing, entertaining sort of way—the kind of person you’d want to sit next to at a dinner party because she’s got the charisma to make you want to listen to her disjointed, pointless stories. As she takes nips from a bottle of rum, though, some of her bravado falls away: she admits she’s alone in the world and will never get the acting roles she wants. The drunk, pathetic side of Estorino’s nameless actress is uncomfortable to watch, but Vargas keeps the audience on her side for every minute of her downward spiral. In Spanish with English subtitles. —Julia Thiel

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