

The Naked Truth follow up

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A mayoral candidate no more

Last week, **Patrick Scully**, arts provocateur and nascent politician, was telling anyone who would listen that he was filing to run for mayor of Minneapolis. So why was his



Patrick Scully

name absent when the list of hopefuls was published Wednesday?

Politics and legalities — the very things Scully has chafed against for the past 15 years — got in the way. He is in the midst of his one-man show, "The Naked Truth," at the Illusion Theater. Though the play veils Scully's political ruminations in fiction, Illusion's attorney worried that the theater could lose its non-profit status if an announced political candidate were given the stage.

"I like to blur the lines between politics and art," said Scully, "but the consequences were too grave. If people want me to be mayor, they'll have to write me in."

— *Graydon Royce*