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Idaho talent featured in “8 in 48 Idaho” Short Play Festival

MERIDIAN, ID - Treasure Valley Children’s Theater is proud to announce the second “8 in 48 Idaho,” a short play festival celebrating new works written for young audiences and performed by adult and teen actors.

Festival organizers promoted a request for submissions this past January with a May 31 deadline. Over 190 playwrights submitted scripts, and plays were blind-screened by industry professionals in a series of three rounds. After rigorous screening, 8 winning selections and one honorable mention play have been selected for production, including Idaho playwrights. The plays will be premiered at a fundraiser to benefit the Treasure Valley Children’s Theater on September 9, 2017 at the Meridian Methodist Church of the Warm Heart in Meridian, Idaho.

Final selections are (*in no particular order*):

- *Beautiful* by Jacqueline Wright, Los Angeles, CA
- *Captain Courage* by Tom Slot, Tuckahoe, NY
- *The Empty Space of Alexander Lump* by Bryan J. Finnegan, San Diego, CA
- *Nothing* by Philip Dawkins, Chicago, IL
- *Sunny In the Park* by Stacy Post, Danville, IN
- *Troll Bridge* by Becky Kimsey, Boise, ID
- *Two Kinds of Tired* by Lee Shackelford, Hickory, NC
- *Ways Not to Drown* by Heidi Kraay, Boise, ID
- Honorable Mention: *Sox* by Spencer Opal-Levine, Sarasota, FL

The Festival’s Managing Director, Julia Bennett, says, “Producing nine world-premier plays is a privilege. We’re excited that several playwrights have agreed be in residence at the Festival, working with their directing teams, and the works of Idaho and a teen playwright are included in this year’s lineup.”

The plays are directed by a team of local theater directors. Auditions are open to actors aged 14 and up. Auditions will be held by appointment September 8th. More details are available online at 8in48Idaho.org.

Autumn Kersey, festival producer and Executive Director of Treasure Valley Children's Theater, says, "This Festival is a unique and exciting opportunity for Meridian and for the Treasure Valley to support the development of new plays while also raising funds for a much needed performing arts space for Treasure Valley Children's Theater."

Festival tickets are available to purchase online at 8in48Idaho.org or by calling 208.287.8828.

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