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TOWN HALL THEATRE ANNOUNCES YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL OF 2023

FEBRUARY 6TH, 2023– Town Hall Education is excited to announce that our annual Young Playwrights Festival is back and in person! The Young Playwrights Festival (YPF) is a part of Town Hall Education's Young Playwrights Program, which connects Bay Area theatre professionals with local high school students to create, write, and develop new theatre pieces. From the many talented writers, four finalists have been chosen whose plays will be performed by professional actors at the Young Playwrights Festival this **March 12th at 7pm**, at Town Hall Theatre.

Our 2023 Young Playwrights Festival finalists are:

It's Not a Heist written by Ella Bradley and Colin Perusse

May Lilies Do Die written by Amelia Soong

Not For Myself written by Hannah Johnson

The Three Surgeons written by Ivan Smith

Tickets are open to the public and Pay-What-You-Can. The community is encouraged to cheer on these young playwrights.

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About the Young Playwrights Program

Town Hall Education's Young Playwrights Program gives the opportunity for students to create, respond to, and make connections with the world around them all while providing high quality arts education in an accessible form for all students. Participation in arts education boosts empathy and tolerance, sharpens critical thinking skills, and provides a supportive environment in which students can express themselves. By bringing this program to students across the East Bay, Town Hall Education and The Young Playwrights Program seek to create and be a part of a thriving community by connecting performing artists, students, and audiences through creative and accessible experiences.

ABOUT TOWN HALL THEATRE

Established in 1944 as the Dramateurs, Town Hall Theatre Company is the oldest continuously active theatre in Contra Costa County. Town Hall Theatre (THT) was awarded Best Theatre Troupe 2016 by Diablo Magazine, Best of The East Bay, and is the past recipient of numerous Shellie Awards, and Theatre Bay Area Awards. THT is also home to an extensive children's educational program, twice voted the Best Children's Theatre Company by Bay Area Parent Magazine. THT's home is the historic Town Hall Theatre building located at 3535 School Street in Lafayette which is owned by the Lafayette Improvement Association (LIA).

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CALENDAR Information for Town Hall Theatre's Young Playwrights

Festival

WHO: TOWN HALL THEATRE COMPANY

WHAT: Young Playwrights Festival

DATE: March 12th, 2023. At 7:00pm.

WHERE: Town Hall Theatre, 3535 School Street, Lafayette

TICKETS: Pay-What-You-Can, \$20 suggested ticket price.

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