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THE FINALS

April 9th - 18th, 2021
Meijer Majestic Theatre



WELCOME

It is our pleasure to welcome you back to the Meijer Majestic Theatre for the first time in over a year for the final round of the *Ten For All* festival, Grand Rapids Civic Theatre's first-ever playwriting festival!

Ten For All is a celebration of the wonderful artistic talent we have right here in West Michigan. We are thrilled for this opportunity to present the **world premiere** of six original 10-minute plays for your enjoyment.

We received **50 submissions** for plays in four different categories. The plays you will see now are those which scored highest in our initial round of reading (by local theatre experts and our staff), and semifinal Zoom readings (which were adjudicated by our panel of local expert judges). After the performances, you will have the opportunity to vote on which play should receive the coveted **Audience Choice Award**, and be crowned the Grand Champion of our festival.

We hope you enjoy these wonderful plays. At long last, when the lights come up, we'll see your smiling eyes looking back at us. Thank you for helping us come back home again. **Enjoy the show!**

ALLYSON PARIS
Associate Director

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THE PROCESS

Ten For All is the first playwriting festival in Civic Theatre's history.

We asked local playwrights to submit their original 10-minute plays, all using the same set of guidelines.

We received over 50 submissions, which were read and scored by our panel of local theatre experts and Civic staff.

The top three plays in each category moved on to the semifinals, where plays were read on Zoom and scored by a panel of local theatre experts and media personalities.

The top plays in each category are presented in this final round.

SEMIFINAL JUDGES

The following judges donated their time and talents toward helping adjudicate our semifinal Zoom readings.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Ben Greene

Grand Rapids Civic Theatre

Jenna Arcidiacono

Amore Trattoria Italiana

Katherine Mayberry

Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company

Bruce Tinker

Grand Rapids Civic Theatre

FINALISTS

In order of performance

Slice of Justice

a play by Alex Weiss and Isha Dwesar

Comedy finalist

The Last

a play by G.M. (Bud) Thompson

Wildcard finalist

Canvas

a play by Todd Lewis

Drama finalist

Jacqueline & Walter

a play by Colin Wesseldyk

Youth finalist

The Awakening

a play by Nick Favreau

Comedy finalist

First of the Rest

a musical by Todd Lewis

Wildcard finalist

SLICE OF JUSTICE

Finalist: Comedy

*Written by
Alex Weiss and Isha Dwesar*

DIRECTOR
Will Gearing

STAGE MANAGER
Kieran Smith

CAST

CAP
Peter Bryant

RILEY
Annie Egan

POCKETS
Parker Hammond

BEEHIVE
Brielle Gates

SCOUTMASTER
Darius Colquitt

THE LAST

Finalist: Wildcard

Written by
G.M. (Bud) Thompson

DIRECTOR
Bill Anderson, Jr.

STAGE MANAGER
Laurie Hamilton

CAST

1ST INTERVIEWER:
Jack Brown

2ND INTERVIEWER
David Brown

SETH LETZTE
Ricardo Tavaréz

AZURA REESE
Emily Diener

CANVAS

Finalist: Drama

*Written by
Todd Lewis*

DIRECTOR
Kristin Tomlin

STAGE MANAGER
Rhonda Lehan

CAST

JAMES
Brock Gabbert

ROBERT
Spencer Tomlin

JACQUELINE & WALTER

Finalist: Youth

*Written by
Colin Wesseldyk*

DIRECTOR

Jay Fischer

STAGE MANAGER

Kieran Smith

CAST

WALTER

Mustapha Corneh

JACQUELINE

Grace Heemstra

THE AWAKENING

Finalist: Comedy

*Written by
Nick Favreau*

DIRECTOR
Will Gearing

STAGE MANAGER
Kieran Smith

CAST

GABRIEL LOCKWOOD
Darius Colquitt

ELIZABETH LOCKWOOD
Sarah Carey-Stoddard

MARY LOCKWOOD
Annie Egan

SARAH LOCKWOOD
Mia Brown

HANNAH LOCKWOOD
Brielle Gates

FIRST OF THE REST

Finalist: Wildcard

*Written by
Todd Lewis*

DIRECTOR
Bill Anderson, Jr.

STAGE MANAGER
Laurie Hamilton

CAST

JACK
Bill Reynolds

AMANDA
Maura Lamoreaux

YOUNG JACK
David Brown

YOUNG AMANDA
Emily Diener



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PROPERTIES DESIGNER

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SPECIAL THANKS

Sam Johnson *Civic Theatre Resident Sound Designer*

Isabelle Seiler *Semifinal round volunteer actor*

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CAST AND CREW BIOS



BILL ANDERSON, JR.

Director

Bill has been an avid thespian for over 25 years. Most recently, he played the role of Mr. Wormwood in *Matilda* for GRCT.



DAVID BROWN

Actor

David is a local actor and writer. This is his sixth show with Civic and his third during a global pandemic. Thank you to everyone involved!



JACK BROWN

Actor

After a 26-year break, Jack was thrilled to return to local theatre with GRCT's *Holes* in 2016. He loves being on stage, especially sharing it with his son, David.

CAST AND CREW BIOS



MIA BROWN

Actor

Mia is very happy to be back on Civic's stage. Most recently she played Anna in *Frozen Jr.* She will be heading to college for musical theatre next semester and couldn't be more excited!



PETER BRYANT

Actor

Peter is excited to be performing at the GR Civic and is very appreciative of the support from the cast and crew.



SARAH CAREY-STODDARD

Actor

Sarah is proud to be making her debut at Civic. She is grateful to Will for his support. She looks forward to continuing work in GR theatre!

CAST AND CREW BIOS



DARIUS COLQUITT

Actor

Darius Colquitt is an award-winning artist & entrepreneur originally from Chicago's South Side. Find out more at www.DariusColquitt.com.



MUSTAPHA CORNEH

Actor

Mustapha is an actor, athlete, and scholar! Mustapha's latest credit at Civics was Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as Lysander!



EMILY DIENER

Actor

Emily is thrilled to be coming "home" to GRCT. Most recently she played Mrs. Wormwood in the most recent GRCT production of *Matilda* and will be playing Patsy Cline in Circle Theatre's upcoming production of *Always...Patsy Cline*. Thanks to my Billy for always believing in me.

CAST AND CREW BIOS



ANNIE EGAN

Actor

This is Annie's third production with Civic! She is extremely grateful for the return of live theatre!



JAY FISCHER

Director

Jay is an actor and high school theatre director. He is thrilled and humbled to direct this piece. Thank you Civic family for your love.



BROCK GABBERT

Actor

After some appearances on the Aquinas College stage, Brock is thrilled to make his Civic debut.

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CAST AND CREW BIOS



BRIELLE GATES

Actor

This is Brielle's debut at GRCT and she is thankful for a great cast, crew, and director. She looks forward to working with GRCT again!



WILL GEARRING

Director

Will is honored and humbled to direct these two pieces for Civic.



LAURIE HAMILTON

Stage Manager

Laurie's first show was *Fiddler on the Roof* in 1999 and her latest show was *Matilda*.

CAST AND CREW BIOS



PARKER HAMMOND

Actor

Parker is returning to GRCT for his fifth main stage show and is excited to be back on stage. Most recently he performed in *Matilda* at GRCT. Parker hopes that everyone enjoys the festival to escape from the crazy world we live in.



GRACE HEEMSTRA

Actor

Grace is thrilled to be participating in the Ten For All Festival! She's been an avid theatre performer in both high school and community theatre since her GRCT debut in 2007 as Gretl in *The Sound of Music*. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!



MAURA LAMOREAUX

Actor

Maura is super excited to be here! She was last seen as Tanya in Civic's *Mamma Mia!* (a perfect Italian expression for the past 12 months).

CAST AND CREW BIOS



RHONDA LEHAN

Stage Manager

Rhonda has loved having this opportunity to work with her Civic family again and to bring live theatre back to our wonderful audiences!



BILL REYNOLDS

Actor

Living in GR, a highlight for Bill is the Civic. Being in many shows over the years, he appreciates and is humbled with the amazing talent that he gets to be a part of in GR.



KIERAN SMITH

Stage Manager

Kieran worked Civic Theatre's 1996 production of *To Kill A Mockingbird*, their 2020 production of *Matilda*, and many shows in between.

CAST AND CREW BIOS



RICARDO TAVÁREZ

Actor

Taking the stage since 2014, Tavárez is a community leader drawn toward theatre that stirs cultural change. This is his 3rd time with Civic.



KRISTIN TOMLIN

Director

Kristin's fourth time directing for GRCT; she is delighted to work with this team! Love to our Civic family on both sides of the curtain.



SPENCER TOMLIN

Actor

Spencer is so happy to be back on this incredible stage with such amazing people – it almost feels like normal! He would like to thank his wife and director Kristin for pretty much everything. He also wants to thank Todd for this piece that is a joy to perform.

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