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The Highwood Theatre Presents All New Musical Production of Nick Blaemire's "Soon" Featuring Adult and Student Casts

Directed by award-winning director and choreographer Cate Caplin

Continuing its season theme of "Off Your Rocker," The Highwood Theatre will present an all-new production of the quirky musical "Soon," opening in April. "Soon" is Highwood's 5th annual Open Source Theatre Project, and with the intent of redefining conceptions of a traditional night at the theatre, will feature two casts – one made up of talented high school students and one of adult professionals. The two casts will rehearse together and perform in repertory, supported by a student design team and student crew.

Composed and written by DC native Nick Blaemire and first produced in 2015 at The Signature Theatre, "Soon" features a shy and reclusive 20-something woman and her goldfish named Herschel, as they confront the imminent end of the world due to the evaporation of all water on the planet. The musical follows this young woman's thoughts about the life she has been missing outside her doorstep and what it means to contemplate the brief time left to her.

But despite the seemingly gloomy premise, this play is as uplifting as it is engaging, due in no small part to the experienced hand of director Cate Caplin. Caplin – who has received dozens of regional and international dance championship awards – has directed and choreographed more than 200 productions, and been the recipient of a Garland Award, a Women In Theatre Red Carpet Award, multiple LA Stage Alliance Ovation, Eddon and Scenie Awards. Says Highwood Executive Director Kevin Kearney, "We are so thrilled to be welcoming both Nick and Cate back to Washington DC to work on this project. Nick, Cate, and I all graduated from Sidwell Friends School in Washington DC - 35 years apart - and we're thrilled to be collaborating to share what we love with students and the community that supported *us* as young artists."

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Author Nick Blaemire elaborates on the unique nature of this collaborative project, "I'm so excited to work on this new production of SOON with both a student and a professional cast! Highwood is extremely ambitious and somehow always seems to pull it off - while keeping collaboration and learning at the forefront of the conversation. I can't wait to see what these imaginative minds do with the show."

Opening April 12, 2018, SOON will run through April 29, with performances on Fridays at 8 PM, Saturdays at 2 and 8 PM, and Sundays at 2 and 7 PM; note that performance schedule of student and adult casts vary each week. Tickets are \$22. All shows will take place at The Highwood Theatre, 914 Silver Spring Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910. Tickets may be purchased online at www.thehighwoodtheatre.org/tickets or through the box office, which can be reached at reservations@thehighwoodtheatre.org, at 301-587-0697 or by visiting the box office during regular business hours.

SOON

Book, Music and Lyrics by Nick Blaemire; Directed by Cate Caplin

April 12 - 29

Caution: all water on earth is about to evaporate, and the world is approaching its catastrophic end. So what next? Enter Charlie, a 20-something woman afraid to confront the outside world. After its world-premiere at Signature Theatre in 2015, Highwood puts a fresh take on Nick Blaemire's uplifting musical about a woman, her goldfish, and the life she is missing just beyond her doorstep. Featuring two extraordinarily talented casts -- one made up of high school students and one of adult professionals -- who will perform the show in repertory, Soon is Highwood's 5th Annual Open Source Theatre Project.

STUDENT CAST

Charlie: Madison Middleton, 12th Grade

Jonah: Dylan Kaufman, 12th Grade

Steven: Henry Wiebe, 12th Grade

Adrienne: Isabella Benning, 12th Grade

PROFESSIONAL CAST

Charlie: Julia Capizzi

Jonah: Daniel Westbrook

Steven: Andrew Overton

Adrienne: Karen Harris

About The Highwood Theatre

The Highwood Theatre is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the community together through theatre. Now in its 15th Season, Highwood's guiding principle is "anyone can do theatre." Highwood was

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founded in 2004 and began executing its mission through seasons of professional quality theatre featuring all-student casts, design teams, and production staff. In 2013, in conjunction with its relocation to the heart of downtown Silver Spring, The Highwood Theatre expanded to carry out its mission more fully and develop innovative, engaging programming for artists of all ages through professional and student productions, classes, and programs in schools and for home schooled students.

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