



Lit Youngstown, Hopewell Theatre, and the Youngstown Playhouse host award-winning playwright Mike Geither April 29-May 1, with funding from an Ohio Arts Council Arts Resiliency Initiative Community Project Award and an additional grant from Rob Briggs and Alyssa Lenhoff-Briggs.

Mike Geither's plays and solo performances have been staged in San Francisco, Chicago, Toronto, New York, and London. He is a four-time Ohio Arts Council fellow and has served as a resident artist at Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito and as Playwright-in-Residence at Cleveland Public Theatre. Recent works include *The Body is the Best* (Zuppa Theatre, Halifax, 2022), *Heirloom* (convergence-continuum, 2019), and *The Events of the Warren County Fair as Observed by a Young Astronaut* (2016-19). He currently teaches in the NEOMFA at Cleveland State University.

Friday April 29

7:30 *Youngstown Playhouse*

Talkback after the performance of *People Along the Way*. The play, written by Terry Shears and directed by Maria Petrella-Ackley, explores the ways people change us for better or for worse. Purchase tickets [here](#).

Saturday April 30

1:30-3:00 *Youngstown Playhouse*

Actors' masterclass on song performance. Register [here](#).

3:00-5:00 *Youngstown Playhouse*

Roundtable discussion for community members involved in theater production and administration, giving stakeholders an opportunity to discuss the vitality of the Valley theatre landscape. Register [here](#).

7:00 *Hopewell Theatre*

The Body is the Best, a solo performance that explores the intersection of grief and laughter, how our hardest laughs are often created by our darkest experiences. Reserve your seat for the free performance [here](#).

Sunday May 1

11:00-12:00 *Hopewell Theatre*

Workshop on writing and performing solo works. Register [here](#).

1:00-3:00 *Hopewell Theatre*

Roundtable discussion on producing an original works festival. No registration necessary.

3:00-5:00 *Hopewell Theatre*

Playwriting workshop. Register [here](#).

Lit Youngstown is a literary arts nonprofit with programs for writers, readers, and storytellers. More information is at www.LitYoungstown.org.