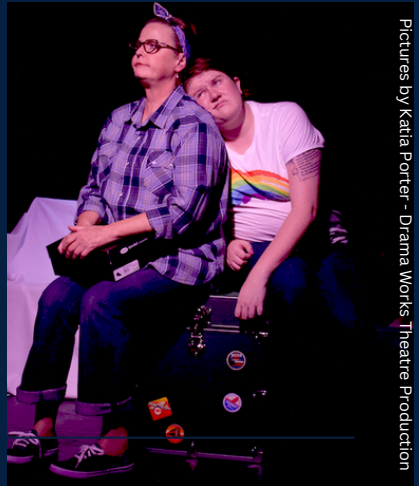


# Magpie

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## SYNOPSIS

Determined to visit the father she doesn't know, Maggie risks her troubled relationship with her mother and faces Mama erasing her—again. Working hard to heal and figure out who she is, Maggie wanders in and out of her past and present, searching for her future. When a stranger's words validate the importance of her struggles, she decides it's time to stand up to her mother.

*Magpie* is available through Next Stage Press

**Cast: 2 W, 2 M**

**Length: 90 minutes**

**This play is great for intimate spaces.**



### **Magpie is crucial work.**

" *Magpie* is a testament to the power of therapeutic work and the bravery it takes to look inside and recruit others in our healing. Further, it beautifully demonstrates that rippling pond effect of self-growth: that when we heal, everyone around us has the opportunity to heal, too. *Magpie* is important and crucial work. Thank you so much for sharing this play with the world." — **Author & Therapist, Heather Harper Ellett**

Semi-finalist Theatre  
Odyssey, 2018

Winner Chestnut Street Playhouse  
Playwrights Festival 2021

**Thought-Provoking** "*Magpie* is an extremely thought-provoking story of family relationships and the struggle to uncover an identity that some may prefer to keep hidden. I was so moved by the production as I sat in my seat wondering: should we just take things at face value, or is it better to take risks and dig deep regardless of what we may find? I shed a few tears as I watched layers of the past being revealed and smiled at the satisfaction of the ultimate resolve." — **Darlene Zoller, Artistic Director Playhouse on Park**

**Empowering** — "*Magpie* is a great play about finding your own strength. The characterization of the mother and the depiction of the mother/daughter relationship are particularly impressive ... This is definitely a piece that will reward the actors and theatre companies who stage it." - **Karen Naughton** - Customer Review Next Stage Press Website