

The West Side Show Room presents:

2017 Rockford New Play Festival

Playwrights from around the world were invited to share a play inspired by the question: *"In light of the recent Women's March on Washington, 'Where Are You Going?'"* Out of 160 submissions, a curated slate of six plays was chosen which best answered this question.

Official Selections

Climbing To God ~ Dave Carley
Dinner For Dear Husband ~ Rachel Leon & Ryann Robertson
Infinite Awareness of the Present ~ Mahasin D. Shamsid-Deen
Laundry At the Coin & Spin ~ Stacey Isom Campbell
Calypso and I ~ William Daer
Stamina ~ Donna Kaz

Actors

Linda Abronski Erin Brady Erin Farsté
Stella Adams David Causey Dereis Lambert
George Davis

Festival Director: Charlyne Blatcher Martin
Festival Producer & Staged Reading Director: Mike Werckle
Festival Coordinator: Beth Edgerton
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WSSR Board of Directors: Beth Edgerton, Marilyn Lamar, Mike Werckle

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Climbing To God

Dave Carley (Toronto, ON)

Mabel and Rose have decided to climb to God (whom they believe resides six miles above earth in a small box) so they can be returned to life on earth as men.

Dinner For Dear Husband

Rachel León & Ryann Robertson (Rockford, IL)

A woman living under a repressive regime makes a radical choice.

Infinite Awareness of the Present

Mahasin D. Shamsid-Deen (Prince George, VA)

A young African American Muslim woman challenges her former Nigerian suitor.

Laundry At the Coin & Spin

Stacey Isom Campbell (Cleveland, TN)

Oleta's routine at a Georgia laundromat is interrupted when a young woman seeks refuge from her tour group.

Calypso and I

William Daer (Rockford, IL)

While sitting in a bus station, Jen meets an older gentleman with a crazy dream and is given a choice whether or not to follow hers.

Stamina

Donna Kaz (New York, NY)

Two 81- year-old women set out to climb Mount Everest with courage, strength and endurance.

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2017 Rockford New Play Festival Reading Committee

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