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**TOWN HALL THEATRE ANNOUNCES DONOR THANK YOU EVENT: *GONE MISSING***

JUNE 13, 2018 – Town Hall Theatre is excited to announce its annual Donor Thank You Event, a one-night only performance of the original and inventive documentary musical *GONE MISSING*, created by The Civilians, with music and lyrics by Michael Friedman. *GONE MISSING* will have one performance only on July 14, 2018, at 8pm, at Town Hall Theatre Company, 3535 School Street, in Lafayette, CA. The event is free to all Town Hall donors, with a suggested donation of \$20.00 for the general public. Seats can be reserved now through the Box Office at (925) 283-1557 or online at [www.TownHallTheatre.com](http://www.TownHallTheatre.com).

"This delightful comic revue...is fresh, breezy and very funny indeed, a perfect summer entertainment." —*NY Times*

Per its website, "The Civilians is a company that creates new theater from creative investigations into the most vital questions of the present." The New-York based theater company conceived this documentary musical from interviews it conducted with real-life New Yorkers. Each of the interwoven eclectic songs and narratives are about loss, of both tangible objects and not, that have "gone missing" — including pets, keys, ID, a Gucci pump, and even a mind — and about the very nature of memory.

*GONE MISSING* is directed by Town Hall Director of Education Madison Geringer, with music direction by Lindsey Schmeltzer, a frequent teaching artist

with the Education Program. The show features talented members of the Town Hall family, each of whom have donated their time and talents to this donor event, including the President of Town Hall's Board of Directors, Lauren Rosi; and Suzie Shepard, our Community Engagement Specialist.

*GONE MISSING* was created by The Civilians, written by Steven Cosson from interviews by the company (Damian Baldet, Trey Lyford, Jennifer Morris, Brian Sgambati, Alison Weller and Colleen Werthmann), with music and lyrics by Michael Friedman; "Interview with Dr. Palinurus" by Peter Morris. Following its world premiere in 2003 at The Belt in New York City, *GONE MISSING* went on to premiere Off-Broadway at the Barrow Theatre in 2007.

### **ABOUT THE DIRECTOR**

**Madison Gerringer** is a local director, choreographer and teaching artist. She received her degree in Theatre Education with emphases in Acting and Directing from Emerson College. Some previous directing and choreography credits include *Aloha*, *Say the Pretty Girls*, *Surprising Simon* and *Smokey Joe's Cafe*. She was also a 2017 Theatre Bay Area ATLAS participant and is the proud Director of Education right here at Town Hall Theatre.

### **ABOUT THE MUSIC DIRECTOR**

**Lindsey Schmeltzer** was last seen at Town Hall Theatre in *Civil War Christmas*, and is thrilled to be back, this time in the role of musical director. Previous musical directing credits include: *As You Like It* (Livermore Shakespeare Festival), *Alone World* (Milwaukee Repertory Theater), *Man of La Mancha*, *Hairspray*, and *Little Shop of Horrors* (Garland Civic Theatre). Lindsey is a teaching artist with Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Cal Shakes, Livermore Shakespeare Festival, and Town Hall.

### **ABOUT TOWN HALL THEATRE COMPANY**

Established in 1944 as the Dramateurs, Town Hall Theatre turned 74 this year,

making it the oldest continuously active theatre in Contra Costa County. Town Hall Theatre was awarded Best Theatre Troupe 2016 in *Diablo Magazines*, *Best of The East Bay*, and is the past recipient of numerous Shellie Awards, and four regional 2016 Theatre Bay Area Awards. THT is also home to an extensive children's educational program, twice voted the "Best Children's Theatre Company" by *Bay Area Parent Magazine*. THT's 102-year old historical building is managed by the Lafayette Association (LIA).

Town Hall Theatre Company, 3535 School Street, in Lafayette, CA 94549. The Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday, 4:00 to 6:00PM and Saturday 2:00-4:00 pm and can be reached at 925.283.1557. Information is also available at [www.TownHallTheatre.com](http://www.TownHallTheatre.com).

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**CALENDAR Information on *GONE MISSING*: 2018 Thank You Event**

**WHO: TOWN HALL THEATRE COMPANY presents**

**WHAT: *GONE MISSING*** created by The Civilians, directed by Madison Gerringer with Music Direction by Lindsey Schmeltzer.

**CAST:** Micaela Groman, Katrina McGraw, Andrew Mondello, Lauren Rosi, Stephanie Sanchez, and Suzie Shepard

**DATE:** Saturday, July 14, 2018

**SHOWTIME:** Saturday @ 8:00pm; ONE NIGHT ONLY

**WHERE: **Town Hall Theatre Company**, 3535 School St., Lafayette, CA 94549**

**TICKETS:** Free Admission  
Suggested Donation: \$20  
Reserved Seating

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