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TOWN HALL THEATRE ANNOUNCES

SECOND ANNUAL PLAYWRIGHTS' CAGEMATCH

FEBRUARY 25, 2020 – Town Hall Theatre in Lafayette, California, is thrilled to announce our **Second Annual Playwrights' CageMatch: AMONG THE TREES**, on Monday, March 23, 2020, at 7:30pm. Five Playwrights enter but only one will emerge victorious. Join us as playwrights far and wide square off!

Our **Playwrights' CageMatch** is a chance for playwrights to show their stuff in an audience-decided live competition. The only requirements for aspiring contributors were that the scenes had to be 20 minutes or less, have no more than four characters and demonstrate gender parity. Our theme this year is: **AMONG THE TREES**. The setting is a clearing among the trees, in a forest or woodland area, anywhere in the universe; there may be a doorway, portal or entranceway or two, and maybe even a window. A lovers' encounter or post-apocalyptic tale, perhaps? We looked for creative and elegant back-stories that incorporated the setting into the scenes but the tone, theme or genre was up to the playwright.

Town Hall received entries from all over the U.S., and even from Canada, New Zealand, and Qatar! Artistic Director Susan E. Evans, LitUp Dramaturg Katie Zeigler, THT staff, and volunteers are selecting the top five submissions, and each one gets one rehearsal. The five scenes are presented on March 23rd at a live

staged reading at Town Hall, 3535 School Street, Lafayette, CA. Our audience will vote by token to determine the winner!

Admission for the **Playwrights' CageMatch** is \$5 (**free to our subscribers**), and tokens to vote will be sold for \$5.

ABOUT TOWN HALL THEATRE COMPANY

Established in 1944 as the Dramateurs, Town Hall Theatre celebrates 75 years this Season and our 300th production, making it the oldest continuously active theatre in Contra Costa County. Town Hall Theatre has recently been honored with a 2019 Arts and Culture Commission Special Arts Recognition Award, and is the past recipient of numerous Shellie Awards and regional 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 105-year old historical building is managed by the Lafayette Association (LIA). Town Hall Theatre Company is located at 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.

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CALENDAR Information on PLAYWRIGHTS' CAGEMATCH

WHO: TOWN HALL THEATRE COMPANY presents:

WHAT: PLAYWRIGHTS' CAGEMATCH: AMONG THE TREES. Join us as five playwrights square off! The audience will vote by token to determine the winner!

WHEN: MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020; 7:30PM

WHERE: Town Hall Theatre Company, 3535 School Street, Lafayette, CA 94549

TICKETS: \$5 General Admission (FREE for our Town Hall Subscribers)

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