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ON STAGE PERFORMANCES AT THE OPEN EYE THEATER

“Summer Shortcuts XI,” a program of eight new ten-minute plays will open at The Open Eye Theater in Margaretville NY, on August 12. This year’s eight plays, selected by The Open Eye Script Reading Team from more than four-hundred submissions, will provide a sampling of thoughts and creative ideas from all across the US, since they were written by playwrights from eight different states.

Producing Artistic Director Amie Brockway said, “I always look forward to finding out what playwrights are thinking, and have been especially interested to see how the COVID Pandemic would affect their writing this year. I’m delighted to say that we have some very creative material, much of it thoughtful, and lots of it funny. I think our audiences will have a great time.”

Five Open Eye directors will stage the plays: Frank Canavan directs “Eternity” by Elan David Garonzik; Marge Helenchild directs “Grape Nerds Reunion” by Alli Harley-Kong, and “Clara the Christmas Tree Angel” by Enid Cokinos; Michelle Macau directs “For the Record” by F. J. Hartland; Pip Merrick directs “Second Act Second Helpings” by John Mabey, and “Meet the Beatletoons” by Ken Preuss; and Ron Nash directs “Grim Reaper” by Dean Bevin, and “A Lot Lost” by Mark Branson.

The acting ensemble is William Barnett, Patricia Brannen, Gary Falk, Liz Kemble, Roy Moses, Ward Stevenson, and Alice Zigelis.

Performances are August 12-22, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:00, and Sunday at 3:00, at The Open Eye Theater, 960 Main Street, Margaretville, NY. The theater is air conditioned and fully accessible, with plenty of parking in the adjacent Village lot.

Tickets are available online at www.theopeneyetheater.org, or may be reserved by phone at 845-586-1660. There is a special performance on Tuesday, August 17, broadcast on WIOX Radio in the Catskills, 91.3 FM and streamed at WIOXradio.org at 6:00 pm.

Adhering to the latest guidelines by the CDC, audience members must be vaccinated and wear masks. Masks will be available at the door. Seating will allow for social distancing. Family groups and pods may reserve seating together. For further information, email openeye@catskill.net or phone 845-586-1689.

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