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NORTHERN ARIZONA PLAYWRITING SHOWCASE

Staged Readings of 10 Ten-Minute Plays
appearing on arizonaplaywriting.org*

**In accordance with CDC guidelines,
the 2020 showcase will be digital-only.*

About NAPS

The Northern Arizona Playwriting Showcase (NAPS) is a collaboration between Theatrikos Theatre Company, Northern Arizona University's MFA Program in Creative Writing, and the Northern Arizona Book Festival. With this virtual showcase, NAPS enters its thirteenth season.

Local directors and actors bring to life the works of seven playwrights from across the country. As this is a juried showcase, the plays were selected by Erik Bitsui, Tony Sutera, and Vicki Thompson. Playwrights hail from Kentucky, Colorado, Arkansas, California, Texas, Maryland, and Australia. This year, the showcase includes 16 actors, both experienced and new to the stage.

NAPS Co-Producers

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NAPS 2020 Showcase

Visit the “Northern Arizona Playwriting Showcase” Youtube Channel to access the playlist, or paste this address into your browser: <https://youtu.be/dgzllrrdf0U>

Love in the Time of Covid by Dan Borengasser

Director: Tracey Mayer Hayes
Martin Jameson: Mark Hanson
Nora Samuels: Lee Bryant

Clipped by Straton Rushing

Director: Chris Gunn
Miguel: Nick Buzan
Billy: Bryan Shea

Toast by Andrew Brier

Director: Joe Washington
Mr.: Aaron Benally
Mrs.: Nghi Nguyen

Toys Art Us by Bill Brohaugh and Lisa Holt

Director: Mike Buckius
Pat: Michael Madrid
Chris: Nate Ray

Wass Yo Name by Richard Kim

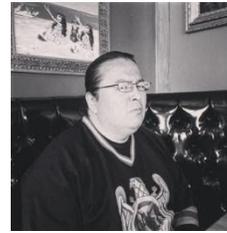
Director: Luis Fernandez
Narrator: Ryan Bowman
Teenage girl: Nickela Rooney
Papi: Sam Tanng

Henry Miller, Bloody Marys and Heathrow by Kieran Carroll

Director: Susan Chastain
Man: Ethan Luthye
Cynthia: Sarah Lee

To Be Determined by Elizabeth Shannon (High School Winner)

Judges



Erik Bitsui (Writer & DJ) is a Navjo from Blue Gap, Arizona, and has an MFA from the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics from Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado. Hostiin Bitsui lives with his wife and two daughters in East Flagstaff, where he is a DJ for a weekly heavy metal radio show on KSZN 101.5 FM.



Tony Sutera (Actor) grew up in Long Beach, California, spent most of his adult life in Flagstaff, and now since retirement splits time between the two. He enjoyed a very rewarding career with the Flagstaff Unified School District, retiring in October of 2010. He has been a performing artist for over thirty years, specializing in film and live theatre, both in Arizona and California. A few of his most memorable main stage appearances include: *Development* (Walter), *August Osage County* (Beverly), *Love Letters* (Andy), *Miracle on 34th St.* (Kris Kringle), *Almost Maine* (East), *You Can't Take It With You* (Grandpa), *The Merry Wives of Windsor* (Falstaff), and *Six Degrees of Separation* (Flanders Kittridge). He is currently spending his time helping with the development of new projects.



(Actor) **Vicki Thompson's** first loves in the realm of playwriting were Edward Albee and Sam Shepard. Now, she loves and appreciates anyone who imagines a story and commits it to language for people to wonder about, read, see, feel, and dream. If you want to know her theatrical origin story, it all began on stage in Granada Hills, California. She was in 8th grade, did an improv, elicited a laugh, and that's been the rest of her life since. She holds a BFA in theatre from California Institute of the Arts and has performed in approximately two (or more) plays a year since in cities such as Minneapolis, New Orleans, Seattle, Los Angeles, and Flagstaff where she is a Viola Award winner (thanks, Flag). She believes life is grand and... you write the rest.

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Theatrikos Theatre Company



Our mission is to be a leading arts organization in northern Arizona, offering high-quality live theatrical productions and developmental opportunities, utilizing a diverse base of writing and production talent reflecting the community at large.

Theatrikos produces six MainStage productions for thousands of patrons annually, and we offer educational programming to adults and youth.

LIVE FROM THE THEATRE BASEMENT

NAPS award winning shows can also be seen and heard as part of Theatrikos' podcast streaming show *Live from the Theatre Basement*. LTB, live on Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm and available wherever you get your podcasts, alternates between ten-minute plays and interviews with Arizona arts leaders.

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Northern Arizona Book Festival



Now in its 25th year, the Northern Arizona Book Festival (NOAZBF) is an annual literary extravaganza filled with readings, workshops, panels, and book signings. Typically located throughout historic downtown Flagstaff, this year's festival will be online.

We have some truly amazing things planned for this year, so be sure to check out the current festival schedule and this year's list of participating authors at noazbookfest.com.

Some highlights include:

- *Featured Readers* (4/2 at 7:30 p.m.) with **Sarah Minor, Benjamin Garcia, Tacey Atsitty**
- Indigenous Writers' Symposium and Young Readers' Festival
- Writing workshops, zine collective exchange, editing and publishing panels, performance art, and more!