

THEATREWORKS SILICON VALLEY HOSTS PLAYWRIGHTS AND COMPOSERS FOR 17TH ANNUAL NEW WORKS FESTIVAL

August 10-19, 2018
Lucie Stern Theatre, Palo Alto

WHAT: Lovers of new theatre will gather this August for an advance look at tomorrow's hits at **TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's 2018 New Works Festival**. This unique festival offers audiences an extraordinary opportunity to experience new plays and musicals in their early stages of development, give feedback, and participate in a panel discussion with the artists. Playwrights and composers are able to rewrite entire scenes of their shows between performances, allowing audiences to help shape a brand new piece of theatre.

This year's festival will feature two musicals and two plays as well as special events. Musicals include an adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* by Tony Award nominee Paul Gordon (the composer and lyricist of *Daddy Long Legs* and *Emma*), and *Once Upon a Rhyme: A Musical Tale* (formerly *iLLA! A Hip Hop Musical*), with book, music, and lyrics by Ronvé O'Daniel and music, orchestrations, and arrangement by Jevares C. Myrick. The plays include *They Promised Her the Moon* by Laurel Ollstein and *Born in East Berlin* by Rogelio Martinez.

Among the roster of acclaimed playwrights, composers, and directors who have participated in past New Works Festivals are: Jeffrey Seller, Andrew Lippa, Stephen Schwartz, Wendy Wasserstein, Marsha Norman, Rachel Sheinkin, David Hein and Irene Sankoff, Henry Krieger, Duncan Sheik, Joe DiPietro, and many more.

Past festivals have launched many new works onto TheatreWorks' stage and to national productions including Broadway's Tony Award-winning Best Musical *Memphis*.

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TICKETS: Festival Passes (\$65; \$49 for season subscribers) are currently on sale and single event tickets (\$20) will be available mid-May. Pricing subject to change.

INFO: For information or to order tickets visit theatreworks.org or call (650) 463-1960

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