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Five Original Plays Written By Teen Playwrights To Be Presented In May At The Rose Theater

Teens 'N' Theater will present its *14th Annual Young Playwrights Festival* at 7 pm on May 7th and at 4:30 pm on May 9th and 10th in the Hitchcock Studio Theater at The Rose, 2001 Farnam Street. This year's *Young Playwrights Festival* will feature five original plays written by teen playwrights, performed by an ensemble cast of 30 actors, and directed by Rose educators Kevin Ehrhart and Mari Martinez.

The collection of plays chosen for this year's show was written by teens during The Rose's year-long Young Playwrights class and represents a variety of styles, themes and subject matter.

Just a Date

Written by Elisabeth Astwood (Student at Millard West High School)

Directed by Mari Martinez

Kory, a high school boy, is jealous when his best friend, Annie, is asked to go on a date. He's tempted to spy on Annie's date, but is worried about the consequences.

Narrator

Written by Steph Galvin (Student at Millard North High School)

Directed by Mari Martinez

This romantic comedy is about a man who is compelled to find romance of his own after narrating to an audience his best friend's path towards love.

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The Madmen

Written by C. Dan Burgdorf (Student at Omaha North High School)

Directed by Kevin Ehrhart

What happens when one society rules the world? In this futuristic drama, change is the enemy and anyone who dares to attempt it is declared a madman and locked away.

Pixel Wants an Update

Written by Kristen Powel (Home School)

Directed by Kevin Ehrhart

Pixel is a 2007 Motorola RAZR phone and every complaint becomes an insult when her owner, Brittany, decides that Pixel is getting too slow. After everything Pixel has done to keep up with Brittany's obsession with texting, it's apparent that trouble is brewing!

Sincerely, Me

Written by Rachel Ware (Student at Marian High School)

Directed by Kevin Ehrhart

A group of teens discover that they have already learned a great deal about life as they ponder writing a letter to their future spouses.

The ensemble cast features the following young actors: Erin Clough, Shalee Coleman, Kailyn Davis, Susan Davis, Sorcha Desmond, Steph Galvin, Keanna Green, Stephen Hardin, Rachael Hill, Jacob Holt, Lily Jones, Dan Kelly, Colleen Kilcoyne, Brittany Magill, Jordan McDonnell, Regina Palmer, Maddie Parker, Emily Petry, Michelle Petty, Maddie Pospisil, Kristen Powell, Nate Schaaf, Kelly Schultze, Stacey Schultze, Elliot Smith, DaNaya Swain, Hanna Thomas, Jonathan Von Kampen, Uriah Wertheim, and Lena Wolcott

Tickets to the 14th Annual Young Playwrights Festival are \$6 each and available through The Rose Box Office at (402) 345-4849. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Box Office, 2001 Farnam Street, in advance or the day of show.

The Teens 'N' Theater program at The Rose Theater is designed to help instill strong self-esteem, commitment and responsibility in young people, while helping them to develop theatrical skills in performance, playwriting, directing, and technical support. Teens 'N' Theater is sponsored in part by The Mammel Foundation and Nebraska Arts Council.

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