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THRESHOLD THEATER ANNOUNCES TWO NEW COMPANY MEMBERS AND PRESENTS THE 5 SHOW VIRTUAL PLAY READING SERIES

Spellbound

STREAMING May 1 - June 30, 2021

MINNEAPOLIS MN March 23, 2021 —Threshold Theater is thrilled to announce two new company members: **Denzel Bellin** as *Artistic Director*, and **Matthew A. Everett** as *Literary Director*.

Denzel Belin (he/him/his) is a writer, director, actor, producer, and improviser currently based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He's a longstanding cast member and writer at The Brave New Workshop and writes for AWF Magazine. Denzel teaches improv for HUGE Theater, Blackout Improv, and freelances as an improv coach. As a bisexual African American, Denzel engages in his art with a special interest in the integration of race, queerness, and the performing arts. He works, develops, and plays with a color conscious and queer conscious view of the world. Denzel creates his body of work to highlight the powerful impact that bringing these voices to light has in both the artistic world and our everyday lives.

MATTHEW A. EVERETT is the recipient of a Drama-Logue Award for Outstanding Writing for the Theater ("Heaven and Home"), and a three-time recipient of support from the Minnesota State Arts Board ("Leave, or The Surface of the World," "The Hopes and Fears of All The Years," and "Love's Prick"). Excerpts of his work are published in "105 Five-Minute Plays for Study and Performance," "We Just Clicked," "The Playwrights' Center's Monologues for Men," and in three volumes of the "Audition Arsenal" series. Sample scenes, monologues, and further information on Matthew and his work can be found on his website - matthewaeverett.com – and at newplayexchange.org/users/5558/matthew-everett

With their addition to Threshold Theater, we are excited to launch our 2021, 5 show virtual play reading series of new LGBTQ works.

A full casting and production details for the first play in the 5 show virtual play reading series is *Spellbound by Matthew A. Everett*, directed by James Zappa available for streaming May 1, - June 30, 2021

Thanks to his mischievous friend Jeffrey, who's begun dabbling in witchcraft, Micah has accidentally dosed his best friend Auggie with a love potion. Which might be fine, if Auggie wasn't straight, and married, or if Auggie's wife Sarah wasn't pregnant, or a practicing witch. With the help of Duncan, who runs the local metaphysical supply store, the race is on to whip up the antidote before anyone does something they'll regret

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ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

Spellbound

By: Matthew A. Everett

Directed by: James Zappa

Cast: Avi Aharoni, Denzel Bellin, Christy Johnson, Kaz Loren, David Schlosser

TICKET/VIEWING INFORMATION

We kindly ask a suggested donation of \$5.

75% of all donations raised will go to the artists.

***Spellbound* runs from May 1, 2021 - June 30 2021. Streaming available through our "Threshold Theater Mpls" Youtube channel, available also through our Facebook page at "Threshold Theater", or www.thresholdtheatermpls.com**

ABOUT THRESHOLD THEATER

Founded in 2019 we are committed to creating a place for the voices of the LGBTQ community to tell their story, no matter, age, race, religion or sex. Our history did not start in 1969. We have been around since the beginning of time, and we will be here until time's end. We are every religion, every race, from every nation, and we live in every state. Our stories are the stories of humanity.

Threshold Theater's mission to "produce fresh LGBTQ works" means we tell the stories of who we are, because only when we see each other do the walls of discrimination start to crumble. We cannot do this alone though, so we are calling on you to join us, the artists and audiences.

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