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THRESHOLD THEATER PRESENTS

WORLD PREMIERE DIGITAL PLAY READING SERIES

***The Place That Made You*, by Darcy Parker Bruce**

STREAMING September 1st through October 31, 2021

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (September 1, 2021)—Threshold Theater announces full casting and production details for the third play in its 2021 play reading series *The Place That Made You*, by Darcy Parker Bruce, directed by Threshold's Artistic Director Denzel Belin, available for streaming September 1st through October 31, 2021.

About the play: In *The Place That Made You*, transgender auto mechanic Jonah is having a bad month. Jonah's childhood friend and protector Ben went off to war overseas but didn't make it back. On the eve of Ben's funeral, Ben's father Bud informs Jonah that they're about to become both jobless and homeless, because Bud wants to sell the garage and start a new life somewhere warm. Couch-surfing at Jonah's friend (and ex-girlfriend) Emily's place just seems to be making Emily's shaky marriage to Brendan that much shakier. Add to that the recurring appearance of Ben's wise-cracking ghost in unexpected places, and a curious white whale just off the coast of their small New England town of Piedmont, and Jonah's complicated life is about to get a whole lot weirder.

About the playwright : Darcy Parker Bruce is a playwright and educator from New Haven, CT, and a graduate of the MFA Playwriting program at Smith College. In the summer they join the Sewanee Writers' Conference as part of their staff. They are currently working on several projects including commissions from Chester Theatre Company and Acadiana Repertory Theater, and a cycle of plays investigating the relationship between small towns, queers, and American Glory. Their play *Always Plenty of Light at the Starlight All Night Diner* can now be purchased through Broadway Play Publishing and their play *The Place That Made You*, the second play in the *Piedmont Cycle*, is forthcoming from the same press.



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About the director: Denzel Belin is a Minneapolis-based writer, director, actor, producer, and improviser. Belin is a longstanding cast member and writer at Brave New Workshop and a staff writer for *AWF* magazine and *The Nordly*. He currently writes and performs for ***Queer Window***, an all-queer sketch show based in New York City. Belin recently presented a longform collection of solo sketches and storytelling, ***With Love, From Washington*** for the “Blackness Is…” Festival in Minneapolis. He serves as the Artistic Director for Threshold Theater, whose mission is to “produce fresh LGBTQ works.”

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

The Place That Made You

By: Darcy Parker Bruce

Directed by: Denzel Belin

Cast: Kyle Dekker (Bud), Ashley Hovell (Ben), Jamila Joiner (Emily), C. Michael Menge (Jonah), and Adán Valera (Brendan)

TICKET INFORMATION

The Place That Made You runs from September 1st to October 31, 2021. Streaming available through our “Threshold Theater Mpls” Youtube channel, on Facebook at “Threshold Theater” or www.thresholdtheatermpls.com. We kindly ask a suggested donation of \$5. 75% of all donations raised will go to the visiting artists (on this reading, it will be split among the playwright and the actors in the cast). The other 25% will go to the company to help fund future readings and productions.

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, gender or sexuality. 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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