

JUNGLE THEATER

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Regional Premiere

LONE STAR SPIRITS

by Josh Tobiessen

Directed by Sarah Rasmussen

April 8-May 7, 2017

The Jungle Theater

2951 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis

Tickets: \$35-\$45

Box office: 612-822-7063 or www.jungletheater.com

NEW COMEDY RAISES A GLASS TO GHOSTS OF THE PAST

Lone Star Spirits opens April 8

“...another spunky, funny work by Josh Tobiessen.”

~ *New York Times*

(MINNEAPOLIS; March 7, 2017) – The Jungle Theater is proud to present the regional premiere of the off-Broadway hit play *Lone Star Spirits*, opening on April 8. Jungle Artistic Director **Sarah Rasmussen** directs **Josh Tobiessen’s** latest comedy that had the *New York Times* raving, “...a rollicking good ghost story,” *Lone Star Spirits* runs through May 7 at the Lyn-Lake neighborhood theater, 2951 Lyndale Ave. S. in Minneapolis.

When a successful young lawyer brings her new fiancé back to her childhood home in small-town Texas, she finds herself stranded in the past. Hoping for a quick visit to her estranged father’s liquor store, she is soon forced to deal with her football hero ex-boyfriend, a single mom insistent on a girls’ night out, and the ghost of the town’s bear-wrestling pioneer founder.

With its signature exquisite scenic design and attention to detail, the Jungle creates a realistic, small town convenience/liquor store on stage for the 90-minute, no-intermission production – so genuine that audience members are invited to purchase their pre-show drinks directly from the set!

Jungle favorites **Terry Hempleman** (*Annapurna*, *Fool for Love*) and **John Catron** (*The Heiress*)

star in the intergenerational tale that won praise from the [Huffington Post](#) for its “abundance of humor, warmth and wisdom...(with) well-drawn and beautifully played characters....” Joining them for their first time at the Jungle are **Christian Bardin, Nate Cheeseman** and **Thallis Santesteban**.

Lone Star Spirits marks the second time that Rasmussen and Tobiessen have collaborated on stage following the highly entertaining 2012 Mixed Blood Theatre production of *Crashing the Party*. Rasmussen’s creative team includes **Sarah Bahr** (scenic and costumes), **Barry Browning** (lighting), **Sean Healey** (sound) and **John Novak** (properties).

The Jungle offers post-show Stay Late discussions with an actor after every performance of **Lone Star Spirits** to give audience members the opportunity to ask questions, talk about the play’s themes and hear ideas from people in the know.

Performances of **Lone Star Spirits** are Tuesdays (\$35), Wednesdays (\$35), Thursdays (\$35), Fridays (\$45) and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. (\$45), and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (\$40). Preview performances on April 5-7 at 7:30 p.m. are \$15. Rush tickets are offered every night of the week, based on availability two hours prior to the performance, and there is special Friday night pricing for students, 55408 neighborhood residents and employees, and those under 30 years of age. Tickets and more information are available at (612) 822-7063 or online at www.jungletheater.com.

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About the Jungle Theater

The Jungle Theater, headed by Artistic Director Sarah Rasmussen, is a neighborhood theater with a national impact. As one of the region’s most dynamic theaters, the Jungle is known for its definitive productions, exquisite design, masterful acting and compelling storytelling. Since its founding in 1991, the Jungle has been a flagship example of the transformative power of the performing arts, playing a vital, continuing role in the economic, social and cultural life of its Minneapolis Lyn-Lake neighborhood.

Dates

Previews	Wed.-Friday	April 5-7	@ 7:30 p.m.
Opening Night	Saturday	April 8	@ 7:30 p.m.
Media Night	Saturday	April 8	@ 7:30 p.m.
Audio-Described	Thursday	April 20	@ 7:30 p.m.
Closes	Sunday	May 7	@ 7:30 p.m.