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Free, One-Night-Only Performance of ‘Natural Shocks’ April 19

MOSCOW, Idaho – April 12, 2018 — Kelly Quinnett, head of performance at the Theatre Arts Department at the University of Idaho, is performing a one-night-only, free, staged reading of “Natural Shocks” by Lauren Gunderson at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Center, 508 South Main Street, Moscow. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Free advance tickets are available at BookPeople of Moscow, at Shoup Hall, room 201 on the U of I campus, or at the door 30 minutes before curtain.

“Natural Shocks” is a new, unpublished play by Lauren Gunderson, who was named America’s most produced playwright by American Theatre magazine in 2018. Based on Hamlet’s “to be or not to be” soliloquy, “Natural Shocks” is part confessional, part stand up and part reckoning as the main character waits in her basement for the arrival of an imminent tornado.

Quinnett describes the play as “witty and gorgeous and heartbreaking. The script is so authentic and comical and then it makes this turn with new revelations,” Quinnett said. “It’s really about secrets and the consequences of secrets.”

Directing the reading is Shea King, a Master of Fine Arts candidate in the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences who works with Quinnett as a graduate teaching assistant. King directed her in the staged reading of “To Tokyo and the Moon” by Steve Yockey at the Region 7 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Spokane in February.

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