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**CCA E THEATRICALS ADDS *EVERY BRILLIANT THING* TO ITS 2024 SEASON:
A TIMELY AND LIFE-AFFIRMING STORY ABOUT LIFE & THE HUMAN CONNECTION**



Opening Night is Friday, July 5, 2024 Featuring Allison Spratt Pearce

ESCONDIDO, CA (MAY 9, 2024) – CCAE Theatricals is proud to announce the addition of *Every Brilliant Thing* to its 2024 Season, written by Olivier Award-nominated playwright **Duncan Macmillan** (*Lungs; People, Places, and Things*) with Drama Desk Award, Lucille Lortel Award, and Off-Broadway Alliance Award nominee **Jonny Donahoe** (*Thirty Christmases, Forgiveness*). The “one-person” play features four different actors rotating performances throughout the run. *Every Brilliant Thing* will be staged in the round onstage at the Center Theater at The California Center for the Arts, Escondido from July 5 to 21, 2024. Directed by **J. Scott Lapp+** (*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Witnesses* (2022 Craig Noel Award for Outstanding New Musical & Direction)). Tickets are on sale now and are priced \$40 (General Admission) to \$50 (Premium Reserved Seating). To purchase by phone, call (442) 304-0500 or online at www.theatricals.org.

“Ice cream.” “Water fights.” “Peeing in the sea and nobody knows.” A boy’s handwritten list to cheer up his despondent mom becomes a surprisingly funny and poignant ode to humanity. This surprising and immersive theatrical experience speaks openly about depression, mental illness and suicide. *Every Brilliant Thing* takes audiences on a transcendent and tender coming-of-age journey that reminds us to pay attention to life’s smallest joys - and to each other.

‘Every Brilliant Thing is a remarkable work that brings something new to every performance, depending on the participation of members from the audience,’ said Artistic Director **J. Scott Lapp**. ‘This unpredictability makes each performance all the more thrilling. The play’s universal message has the power to resonate with everyone. *Every Brilliant Thing* fits perfectly with the exact type of theatre and mission that we have become known for. Theatre that transcends entertainment. Theatre that uplifts

and inspires. It reminds us about the power of human connection and that things can improve even in the darkest moments.'

'*Every Brilliant Thing* is a "one-person" play about an every person's story,' said Lapp. 'With this inspiration at its core development, I thought how great would it be if we could gather four brilliant local actors, to share the run and offer our audiences four unique perspectives on this incredible piece? I'm excited to work with **Steven Lone**, **Allison Spratt Pearce**, **DeAndre Simmons** and **Bethany Slomka*** in shaping this story and giving our audiences the opportunity to return to the piece during the run to see this "every man's story" told through the lens of four brilliant, unique individuals.'

Every Brilliant Thing will be directed by Artistic Director, **J. Scott Lapp+** (*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *Witnesses*, *West End's The Prince of Egypt*, *Disney's The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Broadway's Bonnie & Clyde*).

The cast will feature four different San Diego actors taking turns performing the one-person show; **Steven Lone**, CCAE Theatricals Debut, (*Cygnets Water by the Spoonful* (Craig Noel Award Winner, Outstanding Lead Performance), *Pride & Prejudice*, *Motherf**ker with the Hat*, *As You Like It* (New Fortune Theatre), *Poe Fest* (Write Out Loud); **Allison Spratt Pearce** (CCA Theatricals' *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *Moonlight's Into The Woods*; *Broadway's Curtains*, *Good Vibrations*, *Cry Baby*; *Off-Broadway: Enter Laughing*; *Come From Away*, *Sideways*, *Love All (La Jolla Playhouse)*; *Emma*, *As You Like It (The Old Globe)*; **DeAndre Simmons** (CCA Theatricals' *Ain't Misbehavin'* and *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Clyde's* (Moxie Theatre), *Madama Butterfly* (San Diego Opera) and *The Falling and the Rising* (Bodhe Tree Concerts) & **Bethany Slomka*** (CCA Theatricals' *Sunday in The Park with George*, Regional Premiere of *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*, *Tarzan*, *Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Tuacahn Amphitheater); *Hair*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (The Old Globe).

*Appearing courtesy of Actors' Equity.

+ The Director is a member of the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers union.

The design and creative team, includes **J. Scott Lapp+**, director; **Yoni Kruvi**, assistant director; **Matthew Herman**, scenic design; **Coleman Ray Clark**, lighting & sound design; **Holly Lapp**, props master; **Kate Thorvick**, production stage manager; and **Aaron Rumley**, Production Manager.

Every Brilliant Thing

Directed by J. Scott Lapp+

July 5 -21, 2024

Center Theater at California Center for the Arts, Escondido

340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido, CA 92025

Event URL: <https://www.theatricals.org>

Tickets: **\$40 (General Admission)** First come first served seating, based on availability on day of show.

For General Admission purchases of more than one ticket, there is no guarantee you will be seated together.

\$50 (Premium Seating) Pick your seats prior to the performance | Military/Senior (65+)

Discount - 10% off | Student & Educator Rush - \$20 (General Admission) at the Door, subject to availability.

- Opening Night: Friday, July 5th at 7:30p
- Evening Performances: Fridays & Saturdays, July 5/6/12/13/19/20 at 7:30p
- Matinee Performances: Saturdays & Sundays, July 6/7/13/14/20/21 at 2p

CREATIVE:

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Assistant Director: **Yoni Kruvi**
Scenic Designer: **Matthew Herman**
Lighting & Sound Designer: **Coleman Ray Clark**
Props Master: **Holly Lapp**
Production Stage Manager: **Kate Thorvick**
Production Manager: **Aaron Rumley**

CAST:

Narrator: **Allison Spratt Pearce**
Performances: 7/5 at 7:30p | 7/6 at 2p | 7/19 at 7:30p
Narrator: **Steven Lone**
Performances: 7/6 at 7:30p | 7/7 at 2p | 7/21 at 2p
Narrator: **DeAndre Simmons**
Performances: 7/12 at 7:30p | 7/13 at 2p | 7/20 at 7:30p
Narrator: **Bethany Slomka***
Performances: 7/13 at 7:30p | 7/14 at 2p | 7/20 at 2p

About CCAE Theatricals

CCAIE Theatricals celebrates the human connection through theatre and education by sharing stories that illuminate the individual experience and cultivate a collective voice.

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