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BOOMSTICK THEATER MAKES FRINGE DEBUT WITH LOCAL PLAYWRIGHT

May 9th, 2019, Los Angeles CA - Boomstick Theater makes their Hollywood Fringe festival debut with **FUNERAL POTATOES**, written by Kiri Callaghan, directed by Jo Ann Mendelson, featuring Whitney Montgomery & Lauren Cook, opening June 7th running through June 29th at the Asylum, Studio C - 6448 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90038.

Upon finding out she has only a month left to live, Kismet stares back at the 23 years of her life through the memories with her best friend, wondering what was the point of it all if it's going to just end now.

A play in one-act, **FUNERAL POTATOES** is a love letter to friendship, a dark comedy about the things we cannot change, and an examination of what makes life worth it when you've spent your short time on this planet preparing for a future you won't have.

FUNERAL POTATOES

Presented by BoomStick Theater

Written by Kiri Callaghan

Directed by Jo Ann Mendelson

Starring Whitney Montgomery & Lauren Cook

Produced by: BoomStick Theater

Stage Manager: Kim Iosue

Lighting Design: Pam Noles & Kim Iosue

WHERE: Asylum, Studio C - 6448 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90038

WHEN: Friday June 7th, 7:30pm

Saturday June 15th 7pm

Sunday June 23rd 3pm

Friday June 28th: 11:30pm

Saturday June 29th: 1:30pm

Run time: 25 min

TICKETS - \$10.00 - www.hollywoodfringe.org/projects/6202

ABOUT THE WRITER

Kiri Callaghan Kiri Callaghan is a world-hopping playwright, author, poet, and performer based in the Los Angeles area. Dedicated to telling stories across multiple mediums, including song, film, and written word, she is delighted to see Funeral Potatoes being brought to life once more by the amazing folks at BoomStick.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Jo Ann Mendelson Funeral Potatoes is Jo Ann's first production with Boomstick Theatre Company. An actor for over 15 years, Jo Ann received a BA in Theatre Arts from Loyola Marymount University in 2008 and an MFA in Acting for Television Film and Theatre from

California State University, Los Angeles in 2018. As a Fight Director, Jo Ann has worked in independent films and all over the Los Angeles 99-seat theatre community and while also working as a Stage Combat Instructor with Dueling Arts International since 2013. SAG/AFTRA.

ABOUT THE ACTORS

Whitney Montgomery (Kismet) Whitney Montgomery is excited to be working with fellow Loyola Marymount alumni on this project, and is happy to be back on stage once again with Lauren! She is currently working at the Fountain Theatre in their new play development series, and catch her as a (maybe) nice church lady on ID Channels "Betrayed."

Lauren Cook (Vera) Lauren is an actress and producer who can be spotted working all around LA or running things over at Some Assembly Required, the media company she Co-Founded. She is excited to be a part of Boom Theater's first production and she thanks the whole team for their work. She sends lots of love to Joanna and Whitney and would like to dedicate this performance to Jessica Paolini.

ABOUT THE PRODUCERS

BoomStick Theater provides unique, original, and diverse storytelling in theater for the Los Angeles community. We are dedicated to producing and giving a platform to original and lesser known works from the Los Angeles community. Boomstick is committed to diverse storytelling in all forms of theatrical expression.

BoomStick Theater was founded in 2018 by **Jackson Kendall & Lennon Hobson** out of mutual love of theater and interest in giving a home to artists all over Los Angeles. Both professional performers and graduates from Loyola Marymount University, Jackson & Lennon became friends thanks to a strong shared passion for exciting and cutting edge theater. Jackson Kendall is a professional actor and producer. Lennon Hobson is a professional dancer, choreographer, producer, and actress.

The BoomStick Fringe producing team is also being lead by **Lachlan McKinney & Lauren Sperling**, both of whom are Hollywood Fringe veterans. Lachlan McKinney is a professional Shakespearean actor & voiceover artist. He has performed at both the LA & NY Fringe Festivals. Lauren Sperling is a professional actress, dancer, & singer who has been working in LA for almost 2 decades. This will be her fifth show at the Hollywood Fringe Festival & third time producing for the festival as well. Her past Fringe credits include: Buffy Kills Edward (Willow/Rosalie), The Video Games (Princess Peach/Yuna), The Princes' Charming (Sleeping Beauty, Snow White, Xena, Leia), and Catalyst (Tinkerbell).

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