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The Most Provocative and Playful Short Plays of 2020
PICK OF THE VINE opens January 16 at LITTLE FISH THEATRE
Big Decisions are Made in Nine Short Plays

LOS ANGELES, CA – December 20, 2019 – Little Fish Theatre's 2020 Season starts with **Pick of the Vine**, nine short plays highlighting what happens when options are weighed in the face of Big Decisions. The tastiest picks were plucked from over 670 submissions proffered from around the world. The annual audience and critics favorite opens January 16, featuring a mix of new and familiar LFT artists. This year's harvest includes:

Choices by James McLindon, directed by James Rice
Closing Doors by John Minigan, directed by Holly Baker-Kreiswirth
Date With Death by Steven Hayet, directed by Carly Pandza
Dating Through the Decades by Ken Levine, directed by Holly Baker-Kreiswirth
Eleanor Descending a Staircase by Ian August, directed by Holly Baker-Kreiswirth
Infesting the Mob by Joe Starzyck, directed by James Rice
Love's Disenlightenment by Jeff Dunne, directed by Sam Sintef
Must Love Pit Bulls by Jenny Mead, directed by Carly Pandza
Ophiuchus by Irene L. Pynn, directed by San Sintef

The 17-member reading committee spent part of their summer reading their way through the sizeable stacks of short plays, choosing which scripts would then advance to the semi-final round where they were read aloud by LFT Company Members and scored. The top-scoring scripts chosen for production all include Big Decisions such as: a new and potentially dangerous way to pay off crushing college debt, choices being made inside today's classrooms, and whether to stay in a relationship when presented with new astrological consequences.

Last year's **Pick of the Vine** was awarded two "Scenies" from *StageScene LA*: Outstanding Ensemble in a Production of One-Acts and Outstanding Performance in a Production of One-Acts (Intimate Theatre).

Returning **Pick of the Vine** directors include LFT Company Members Holly Baker-Kreiswirth (*The Country House*, *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*) and James Rice (*The Cemetery Club*, *Plaza Suite*). New to the directing team are Sam Sintef, Assistant Director of *A Christmas Carol* at A Noise Within and a **Pick of the Vine** alumna; and Carly Pandza, founder and director of Her Theatre Company and director of *Swiped The Musical* which appeared at last year's Hollywood Fringe Festival.

LFT Company Members make up the cast: Melissa Boeoy (*Bloody Poetry*), Brad Light* (*Bus Stop*), and Branda Lock (*Dead Accounts*) make their debuts in **Pick of the Vine** with returning actors Ryan Knight (*Embridge*), Mary-Margaret Lewis* (*The Cemetery Club*), Susie McCarthy (*The Cemetery Club*), Olivia Schlueter-Corey (*Bloody Poetry*), and Perry Shields (*Pick of the Vine 2019*).

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PRESENTING NEW, CLASSIC & CONTEMPORARY WORKS

Stage Managing the show is Jacob Severance, with Set Design by Bill Wolski, Costume Design by Fatima Aleshaiker, Sound Design by Baker-Kreiswirth, and Prop Design by Grace Wolcott. Baker-Kreiswirth and Wolski produce.

Pick of the Vine will run at 8pm on Thursdays January 16 and 23, and February 6. Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm from January 17 through February 8. There will be four 2pm matinees: Sunday January 26, Sunday February 2, Saturday February 8, and Sunday February 9. An early evening show at 7pm has been added to the schedule on Sunday, February 2. The January 26 and February 8 matinees feature a special talkback session where audience members can interact with the cast and creative team.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.littlefishtheatre.org, by phone at 310-512-6030 or by text 424-203-4707. Popular subscription packages of Anytime Tickets are available now and can be used at any of Little Fish Theatre's regular season productions, at any time.

Founded in 2002 as an artists' ensemble, Little Fish Theatre presents classic and contemporary plays in an intimate setting on Centre Street in the Arts District of downtown San Pedro.

*This production is presented under the auspices of the Actors' Equity Los Angeles Membership Company Rule.

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CALENDAR LISTING *PICK OF THE VINE 2020*

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Dates:

January 16 - February 9, 2020

Opening Night:

Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. (\$24/\$15 25-and-under with code "Hipster")

Regular Performance Times:

Thursdays Jan 16, 23, Feb 6 at 8:00 p.m.

Fridays and Saturdays, Jan 17 through Feb 9 at 8:00 p.m.

Sundays Jan 26* Feb 2, 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Feb 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Feb 8* at 2:00 p.m.

*Talkback performance, with access to the actors and creative team

Prices:

\$28 regular

\$26 seniors

\$24 opening night

\$15 25-and-under with code "Hipster"

Prices above do not include a \$1 ticket service fee

Little Fish Theatre

San Pedro's Arts District

777 S. Centre St., San Pedro, CA 90731

Ticket Range: \$15 - \$28

Discounts Available for Groups of 10+

Discounts for Seniors 65 and over (\$26) and Patrons 25 and under (\$15)

Box Office: phone 310-512-6030 or text 424-203-4707

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