



STUPID KID

WRITTEN BY Sharr White

DIRECTED BY Cameron Watson ***

PRODUCERS Madeline Fair, Kevin Shipp

ASST. DIRECTOR & ASST. STG MGR Melelani Satsuma

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STUPID KID was commissioned by the Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Chicago; Martha Lavey, Artistic Director, David Schmitz, Managing Director. It was an official selection of the The Road Theatre Company's Summer Playwrights Festival 7 July 2016; Scott Alan Smith Festival Director.

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A NOTE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTORS

Dear Road Patrons,

Welcome to the 26th season of the Road Theatre and thank you for joining us in our mission to present the best plays new to Los Angeles. This summer's Summer Playwrights Festival was a resounding success, with record crowds enjoying staged readings of over 30 new plays, with talkbacks and live music after. It has become a must-attend event of the summer in NoHo. From the festival as well as our free weekly reading series, The Word, we discover many of the new plays that end up on our mainstage season.

The Road welcomes back Sharr White to our family with the world premiere of *Stupid Kid*, which first appeared as a reading in the Summer Playwrights Festival a year ago. We are extremely proud of our collaborations with this wonderful playwright and are delighted to introduce you to a young man in trouble and a family that redefines dysfunction and poverty.

Coming up this season we will explore other young people in trouble in several different arenas — a love triangle dissected brilliantly and originally by Anna Ziegler in A Delicate Ship, a family affected by the current events around war in Jami Brandli's amazing Through the Eye of a Needle, and finally in the spring, a complex and provocative look backstage at competitive swimming, Red Speedo by the brilliant Lucas Hnath.

As always, we could not do this without you, our audience. We appreciate your patronage, your donations, and your feedback. The Road is growing constantly and you are the biggest part of that. We thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Taylor Gilbert, Founder/Artistic Director

Sam Anderson, Artistic Director

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- Introduce younger audiences to the world of theatre through our mainstage productions, workshops, and free weekly reading series
- Continue our outreach programs to seniors and at risk groups.
- Further establish our resident company as a leader and champion of new works in Los Angeles and the nation.

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the **CAST** (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

* Member of Actors' Equity Association

Time/Place: A small town on the eastern plains of Colorado. Now.

Intermission: There will be one 15 minute intermission.



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about the PLAYWRIGHT & DIRECTOR



Sharr White (Playwright) White's The Other Place was seen at The Road Theatre Company in 2015 with Taylor Gilbert, directed by Andre Barron. The Other Place premiered Off-Broadway at MCC Theatre with Laurie Metcalf (Lucille Lortel and Obie awards, best actress), directed by Joe Mantello, and premiered On Broadway at Manhattan Theatre Club (Tony nom., Laurie Metcalf, best actress). White's The Snow Geese premiered on Broadway at Manhattan Theatre Club,

co-produced with MCC Theatre, with Mary Louise Parker, directed by Daniel Sullivan. White's Annapurna premiered in Los Angeles at the Odyssey theatre, with Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman, directed by Bart DeLorenzo, and moved Off-Broadway with The New Group. Stupid Kid is the second in a planned trilogy of Colorado plays (Annapurna was the first), and was originally commissioned by Steppenwolf Theatre Company. A percentage of all profits from Stupid Kid will benefit The Innocence Project.



Cameron Watson (Director) recently directed the critically-acclaimed revival of Tennessee Williams' Cat on a Hot Tin Roof at Antaeus Theatre Company, where he also directed Picnic and Top Girls. He directed the world premieres of The Super Variety Match Bonus Round at Rogue Machine Theatre and Dream Catcher at The Fountain Theatre. Other credits include Cock (Rogue Machine Theatre) All My Sons (The Matrix Theatre Company), Trying, Grace & Glorie, and The Savannah Disputation (The Colony Theatre).

I Capture the Castle and A Midsummer Night's Dream (The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey) and Rolling with Laughter in London's West End. Cameron wrote and directed the Miramax feature film Our Very Own, starring Allison Janney in an Independent Spirit Award-nominated performance alongside Keith Carradine and Jason Ritter. He created the new comedy series Break a Hip now available at www.breakahip.com.



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Ben Theobald (Chick) is stoked to be a part of another Road Theatre Company production. His most recent performance on the Road Company stage was Esto in Broken Fences last year. His other credits include: Double Door, Romeo & Juliet, Assasins, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Parade, and Almost Maine. Lastly, he would like to thank his family: Grace, Mike, and Barbara, along with his super rad LA crew for giving him

the constant support he needs to pursue his acting career.



Taylor Gilbert (Gigi) most recently (Woman) in EDWARD ALBEE'S The Play About The Baby. Additional Road Credits include: The Other Place (Robby Award, Sage Award Best Actress, Broadway World Nominee), Sovereign Body (Eddon Award Best Lead Performance), Why Things Burn, Vig, Pirates, Akela, Merlin, An American Romance, White People, A Mislaid Heaven, The Seventh Monarch, Pagans, Ouroboros, Backward in High Heels,

Madagascar, and The Road's Inaugural production Balm In Gilead. Film Credits include: Spiderman (1&2), Hancock, The Island, Twister, Tucker, The Dead Pool.



Joe Hart (Eddie) recently appeared in The Cake, Search For Signs Of Intelligent Life In The Universe. Ovation Award for Angels Of Lemnos, nominated for Woman In Black, both with the Road Theater. Broadway/National Tours include Bonnie & Clyde, Best Little Whorehouse Goes Public, Priscilla, Annie Get Your Gun, Best Little Whorehouse In Texas. Ron Link's Bouncers, Richard Israel's Floyd Collins, Ken Sawyer's Dracula, Scott Smith's Melissa Arctic. TV: I

Love Dick. For Pops, who never lost his faith in humanity.



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Rob Nagle (Unclemike) Roadwork: Sidhe. Off-Broadway: Church & State. Regional: South Coast Repertory, Denver Center, Portland Center Stage, Old Globe, Centerstage, Shakespeare Theatre. Local credits include Antaeus Theatre Company, Troubadour Theater Company, Mark Taper Forum, Rogue Machine, Skylight, Vs., Open Fist, Electric Footlights. Film: Bad Samaritan, Boost, Mother's Day, New Year's Eve, Life As We Know It, The Soloist. TV: The

Librarians, Grey's Anatomy, CSI, Criminal Minds, Castle, Major Crimes, NCIS, Mad Men, Dawson's Creek, Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Training: Northwestern University. Wife: Heather Allyn. Pug: Roosevelt. @nagdoggie, robnagle.com.



Michelle Gillette (Franny Hawker) Road credits include: Anatomy of a Hug (Off Road Series), Sovereign Body, and Mud Blue Sky. Northwest: American Symphonietta, Whatcom Symphony Orchestra, Centerstage Theatre and Storybook Theatre. Favorite roles: Thelma -'Nt. Mother, Lady Bracknell - The Importance of Being Earnest, Mother Superior - Sister Mary Ignatius Explains in all for You, and Petunia, the tap dancing pig - Little Red Riding Hood. TV: Blunt Talk with Patrick Stewart

(recurring), Superstore, Rizzoli & Isles, Arrested Development, Weeds, Criminal Minds.



Allison Blaize (Hazel) graduated with a BA in theatre from University of New Orleans, and continues to study at AMDA LA. She was last seen in The Play About the Baby at The Road. Other credits include Secure Storage (Hollywood Fringe 2017); No Place to be Somebody (LATC); Wet Hot American Summer: the Play (Garage Theatre); The American Clock; and Rx. Allison is thrilled and humbled to be a part of Stupid Kid!



who's Who

STAFF

Madeline Fair (Producer) is an actor, writer, producer, director, and designer. BA in Dance/Drama, Bennington. Favorite roles: Maggie (Cat on a Hot Tin Roof), Babysitter Jane, (Oatmeal & a Cigarette - NYC Fringe); Paulina, (The Winter's Tale); The President's Daughter, (End of the World - The 24-Hour Plays, Public Theater). Behind the scenes favorites: Edward Gorey, Lincoln Center, the Joyce, Sound Factory, Armani, Pilobolus, and Penn Jillette. On the page: everything from copy to poetry. Producing/directing: circuses, festivals, readings, and more. madelinefair.com

Kevin Shipp (Producer) is an actor and producer from Tucson, Arizona. He was awarded the Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee Award for Outstanding Achievement in Theatre Arts at Pepperdine University, before graduating in 2012. Kevin has produced 5 award-winning shows at The Road, where he also sits on the Artistic Board. He is honored to be a part of *Stupid Kid*, and is immensely grateful for his support from mom, dad, family and friends, and the incredible *Stupid Kid* team.

Tally McCormack (Asst. Director) is excited to be working with The Road Theatre for the first time! She'd like to say thank you to Cameron, Sharr, and the cast for being welcoming and letting me witness this magic. Welcome home, Chick!

Ryan McRee (Asst. Director) is a recent graduate of USC, where he studied Theatre, English, and Screenwriting. Ryan was Senior Arts and Culture Editor at USC Annenberg Media and a co-founder of the Aeneid Theatre Company. Directing credits: Six Degrees of Separation, Much Ado About Nothing, Equus; producing credits: The Secret In the Wings, When the Rain Stops Falling, The Miser, Rabbit Hole. Stupid Kid marks Ryan's introduction to the Road; he's excited to start his professional career with this amazing group of artists.

Melelani Satsuma (Asst. Director & Asst. Stg. Mgr.) is a recent addition to The Road. She made her directing debut this summer during The Road's Summer Playwrights Festival and is so grateful to be a part of The Road family. Directing: The World Woos Its Children Back (The Road SPF 8); Production: The Lyons (The Road), Rocket To The Moon (HCLT); Acting: Macbeth (Harold Clurman Lab Theatre), Angels in America: Millennium Approaches (Art of Acting Studio). B.A. in Theatre from University of San Francisco, Art of Acting Studio graduate.



STAFF

Jeff McLaughlin (Scenic Designer) is very happy to be working with the brilliant Cameron Watson again. Notable works include Ovation winning: Skull In Connemara at Theatre Tribe, Grace And Glorie at The Colony and Pray To Ball at The Skylight. Ovation nominated: Bakersfield Mist, A House Not Meant To Stand and The Train Driver at The Fountain Theatre and Long Christmas Ride Home at Theatre Tribe. NAACP nominees: Dontrell, Who Kissed The Sea and The Blue Iris. Check the web: JeffMcLaughlinDesign. com

Jared A. Sayeg (Lighting Designer) An Ovation Award and LADCC Kinetic Award recipient. His designs have been seen throughout the world from Broadway to the West-End. Current National Tour: The Illusionists Live from Broadway. Regional: Center Theatre Group, McCoy Rigby Entertainment, Pasadena Playhouse, International City Theatre, Reprise, Ensemble Theatre Company, Cabrillo Music Theatre, Laguna Playhouse, The Colony. Notable projects: four seasons with LA Opera, lighting Pope Benedict XVI in NYC and is Principal Designer for the USA International Ballet Competitions. Jared became the youngest member of the United Scenic Artist-Local 829 and serves as a trustee to the executive board. www.jaslighting.com

Kate Bergh (Costume Designer) is so pleased to be working with The Road for the first time. Selected recent theater credits include work with Rogue Machine, Falcon Theater, 3D Theatricals, the Odyssey, Ensemble Theater Company, the Geffen, Pasadena Playhouse, and the Theater at Boston Court. Awards and nominations include Cabaret (Backstage Garland Award); Shrek, the Musical (Ovation Nomination); Casa Valentina (Ovation Nomination, LADCC Award). Kate tells stories with costumes across all media: theater, opera, dance, film, television, commercials, personal styling. Visit her at kateberghdesign.weebly.com

Christopher Moscatiello (Sound Designer) is a composer, music director and music editor/mixer, nominated for numerous Ovation awards and winner of the 2015 Stage Raw Award for Sound Design. Theater highlights: Kennedy Center, Folger Shakespeare Theatre, Antaeus, Odyssey Theatre, Fountain Theatre, assistant conductor for the national tour of *Phantom of the Opera*. TV highlights: The Walking Dead (AMC), Psych (USA), Eureka (SyFy), Human Target (Fox), The Cape (NBC), Caprica (SyFy), Trauma (NBC), and he has scored numerous series, specials and promos for HBO, BBC, Discovery, National Geographic and others.



STAFF

Michael O'Hara (Props) is once again happy to be working at The Road. Besides The Road his prop work has appeared at Coeurage, East West, Theatre of NOTE, the Blank, and Celebration Theatre, among others. He has several upcoming shows around town and he anticipates having a website ready to launch (finally) in the coming year. Michael has also worked in other capacities in theatre both onstage and behind the scenes.

Tracy Winters (Dialect Coach) Partial Dialect Credits: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Peace In Our Time, Cousin Bette, Noel Coward's TonightAt 8:30 (Antaeus); Grey Gardens (CTG@The Ahmanson); City Of Conversation and The Revisionist (The Annenberg Center); All The Way (South Coast Repertory Theater); Arcadia, You Can Never Tell (A Noise Within); 20th Century Way, 1001 Nights, The Good Book Of Pedantry & Wonder, How To Disappear Completely & Never Be Found (Boston Court); Carousel- Reprise!; House Of The Rising Son (EST LA). As an actor - Ovation Award for Caught In The Net. @ICT-tracywinters.net

Maurie Gonzalez (Stage Manager) has been working with the Road Theatre Company for 14 seasons now, and has had the great pleasure to be the stage manager, light, sound and projection operator. on many wonderful productions. The Road is like her home away from home. She likes to say she was born to do theatre; her mother was always on stage, when she was 4 months pregnant with Maurie, she played Lori in Oklahoma. Maurie's children grew up in theatre. She's so glad to be part of this amazing group of talented people.

Bjørn Johnson (Fight Director) is an actor, teacher, director, and one of only seven Fight Directors trained by the famed B.H. Barry. Broadway: Cyrano The Musical, City Of Angels, Macbeth. Off Broadway: Aven'u Boys, 'Tis Pity She's A Whore, Three Musketeers, Public Theater, 2nd Stage; Regional/Opera: Great Expectations (Guthrie), Frankenstein, Cyrano De Bergerac, Bus Stop, Metropolitan Opera, Boston Opera, Chautauqua Opera. Instructor at Juilliard, NYU's Tisch School, Circle-In-The-Square, Rutgers and Yale. Recent TV/FILM: Modern Family, Parallel Chords (www.facebook.com/parallelchordsfilm).

David Elzer/DEMAND PR (Publicity) represents Actors Co-op, Cabrillo Music Theatre, Celebration Theatre, Circle X Theatre Company, Colony Theatre Company, Independent Shakespeare Co., Laguna Playhouse, La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, Ojai Playwrights Conference, Open Fist Theatre Company, Road Theatre Company, Rubicon Theatre Company, Theatre of NOTE, Theatre Tribe and VS. Theatre Company.



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