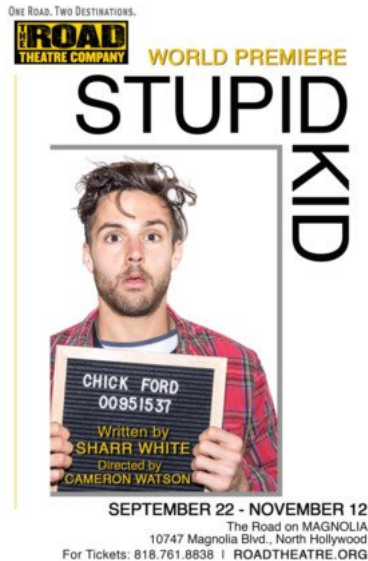


Sharr White's STUPID KID to Premiere at Road Theatre Company



The Road Theatre Company and Taylor Gilbert, Founder/Artistic Director together with Sam Anderson, Artistic Director, present the first show of its 2017-2018 season, the world premiere of STUPID KID, written by acclaimed playwright Sharr White (*The Other Place*) and directed by Cameron Watson (*Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*).

STUPID KID will begin previews on Saturday, September 16 at 8pm; will open on Friday, September 22 at 8pm and run through Sunday, November 12 at the Road Theatre on Magnolia, located in The NoHo Senior Arts Colony, 10747 Magnolia Blvd. in North Hollywood.

After 14 years in prison for a crime he swears he didn't commit, Chick returns home to find his flat-broke family under the thumb of his dangerous Unclemike. A rollicking Gothic Western tale of a family isolated by shame, STUPID KID explores power, guilt and the limits of maternal love.

ABOUT THE CREATIVE TEAM AND CAST:

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 subsequently moved to Broadway as a co-production with Manhattan Theatre Club (Tony nom for 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. White is a writer/producer for Showtime's *The Affair*.

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 the smash-hit productions of *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 Never Sang for My Father* (The New American 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, Jason Ritter, Beth Grant, Dale Dickey and Mary Badham. He created the new comedy series *Break a Hip*, starring Christina Pickles, now available at www.breakahip.com

STUPID KID will feature Ben Theobald as Chick, Joe Hart as Eddie, Rob Nagle as Unclemike, Taylor Gilbert as Gigi, Allison Blaize as Hazel and Michelle Gillette as Frannie Hawker. The Design Team for STUPID KID is as follows: Set Design by Jeff McLaughlin; Lighting Design by Jared Sayeg; Sound Design by Chris Moscatiello; Costume Design by Kate Bergh. Properties Design by Michael O'Hara. STUPID KID is produced by Kevin Shipp and Madeline Fair. STUPID KID will preview on Saturday, September 16 at 8pm; Sunday, September 17 at 2pm; Tuesday, September 19 at 8pm; Wednesday, September 20 at 8pm & Thursday, September 21 at 8pm and will open on Friday, September 22 at 8pm and run through Sunday, November 12 at the Road Theatre on Magnolia, located in The NoHo Senior Arts Colony, 10747 Magnolia Blvd. in North Hollywood. Performances are Fridays at 8pm; Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm. www.RoadTheatre.org