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ANNOUNCING THE PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE FOR  
THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL LOGAN FESTIVAL OF SOLO PERFORMANCE  
FEATURING CELEBRATED NATIONAL PERFORMERS

Tysons, VA— The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Logan Festival of Solo Performance, presented with generous support from the Reva & David Logan Foundation, will run at 1<sup>st</sup> Stage from July 6-16, 2017. **This innovative festival, the first of its kind in the DC region, will gather acclaimed solo performers from across the country for two-weeks of performances, workshops, discussions, and events.** The main stage festival schedule features:

***Hick: A Love Story*** by Terry Baum and Pat Bond, Directed by Carolyn Myers and featuring Terry Baum. *Hick: A Love Story* had two sold-out and critically acclaimed runs in the San Francisco Bay Area and was nominated for a Theatre Bay Area Award. **This compelling one-woman show is based on Eleanor Roosevelt’s letters to pioneer journalist Lorena Hickok exploring the romantic relationship between these two extraordinary women and highlighting the evolution of LGBTQ relationships in America.** “*Hick* is a real love story like no other – a compelling, thoroughly researched one-woman show... A fascinating story that, at last, has come to light.” (*San Francisco Examiner*)

***Empanada for a Dream*** written by and featuring Juan Francisco Villa. *Empanada for a Dream* is a poignant and entertaining portrait of family and neighborhood set against the secret that destroys it all. It’s a haunting tale about growing up by getting out – and coming back – to one boy’s Lower East Side. **In his living memoir, Juan Francisco Villa uncovers the treasures of his family’s dark legacy.** This production is “at the heart of our current national debate about what it means to be an American and how much responsibility we owe to each other.” (*The Chicago Tribune*)

***The Gun Show*** by E.M. Lewis, Directed by Shawn Lee and featuring Vin Shambrly. Lewis returns to 1st Stage following the extended run of her world premiere play *Now Comes the Night*. **Drawing on a personal history with firearms, Lewis has created a play that examines the gun control debate and how a diverse nation searches for mutual understanding.** She grew up in rural Oregon, where everyone has guns. She learned to shoot on a date. She worked at Jackson’s Bookstore during an armed robbery, and once encountered a threatening cop in New York. And then there’s the fifth story: the one that doesn’t let go, the story that triggered this show. *The Gun Show* takes aim at America’s most dangerous past time with brutal honesty and poignant humor. Leaning neither right nor left, it jumps into the middle of the gun control debate and asks, “Can we have a conversation about this?” *The Gun Show* is “about as timely as you can get. And given that Lewis’ solo show will be performed by Vin Shambrly, one of [Portland’s] best actors, it’s downright essential.” (*Portland Mercury*)

Design support for *Hick: A Love Story* is provided by Vola Ruben (set), Pablo Santiago (lights), and Audrey Howard (sound). Voiceover by Paula Barish. Design support for *Empanada for a Dream* is provided by Pablo Santiago (lights) and Christopher Kriz (sound). Design support for *The Gun Show* is provided by CoHo Productions and Pablo Santiago (lights).

**The Logan Festival of Solo Performance will run July 6-16 with performances of each show as follows:**

*Hick: A Love Story*: July 6 at 8pm, July 8 at 8pm, July 9 at 2pm, July 12 at 8pm, July 15 and 16 at 5pm.  
*Empanada for a Dream*: July 7 at 8pm, July 8 at 2pm, July 9 at 8pm, July 11 at 8pm, July 15 at 8pm, and July 16 at 2pm.  
*The Gun Show*: July 13 at 8pm, July 14 at 8pm, July 15 at 2pm, and July 16 at 8pm.

Please email the box office at [boxoffice@1ststagetysons.org](mailto:boxoffice@1ststagetysons.org) for reservations.

General admission tickets are \$20 per show and \$10 per show for Students with valid ID. A Festival Pass (valid for all three festival shows) can be purchased for \$50. Individual tickets and Festival Passes can be purchased online at [www.1stStage.org](http://www.1stStage.org) or by calling the 1<sup>st</sup> Stage box office at 703-854-1856.

Each production runs approximately 90 minutes with no intermission.

1<sup>st</sup> Stage's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season begins with *Jesus Hopped the "A" Train* by Stephen Adly Guirgis (September 7-October 8, 2017) followed by a production to be announced (November 16-December 23, 2017), *The Farnsworth Invention* by Aaron Sorkin (February 15-March 11, 2018), *Fly By Night* by Kim Rosenstock, Will Connolly, and Michael Mitnick (April 12-May 6, 2018), and finally, the world premiere of *Swimming with Whales* by Bob Bartlett (May 31-June 24, 2018).

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#### About 1<sup>st</sup> Stage:

1<sup>st</sup> Stage Theatre is an award-winning professional theatre in the heart of Tysons Corner, Virginia. The company serves as a cultural hub for the community producing first-rate theatrical productions as well as hosting professional musicians, orchestras, and visual artists, and providing educational opportunities for the community. Awards include the American Theatre Wing National Theatre Company award, Helen Hayes Awards for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Play in 2016 and Outstanding Director of a Musical and Outstanding Lead Actor in 2015, and the John Aniello Award for Outstanding Emerging Theatre Company in 2010. 1<sup>st</sup> Stage is a member of the Catalogue for Philanthropy class of 2016-2017. In September 2016, *The Wall Street Journal* called 1<sup>st</sup> Stage "one of America's most impressive smaller regional companies" and named 1<sup>st</sup> Stage productions of *Floyd Collins* and *Lobby Hero* among their list of "Best Theater of 2016." For more information, visit 1<sup>st</sup> Stage online at [www.1stStage.org](http://www.1stStage.org) or follow the theatre on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

#### SUMMARY FOR CALENDAR LISTINGS

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**What:** *Hick: A Love Story* by Terry Baum

**When:** July 6 at 8pm, July 8 at 8pm, July 9 at 2pm, July 12 at 8pm, July 15 and 16 at 5pm.

**Where:** 1<sup>st</sup> Stage in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner, VA 22102

**Tickets:** General admission \$20, students \$10. Festival Passes are available for \$50. Purchase online at [www.1ststagetysons.org](http://www.1ststagetysons.org) or 703-854-1856.

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**What:** *Empanada for a Dream* by Juan Francisco Villa

**When:** July 7 at 8pm, July 8 at 2pm, July 9 at 8pm, July 11 at 8pm, July 15 at 8pm, and July 16 at 2pm.

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