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Your Theatre at The Highwood Theatre presents
Other Desert Cities
as part of Highwood's 2014-2015 season

Six Performances:
February 6, 7, 12 & 13 at 7:30 pm;
February 8 & 15 at 2:00 pm
at The Highwood Theatre in Downtown Silver Spring

In two weeks, Your Theatre, a division of The Highwood Theatre, will present the family drama *Other Desert Cities* by Jon Robin Baitz. Nominated in 2012 for five Tony Awards including Best Play and a 2012 finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, *Other Desert Cities* is a gripping story about a family with differing political views, emotional baggage and a dark secret.

When the Wyeth family gather for their first Christmas together in six years, their daughter Brooke announces she is writing a memoir, opening deep wounds that are not easily healed. The family must suffer through uncomfortable conversations, heated political arguments and painful memories to come out on the other side, while Brooke has to decide whether to stay loyal to her family or true to herself. Director Ryan Gunning sums it up, "It's dark and brutal at times, but also funny and real. The audience is forced to sit in a room and witness the darkest parts of a family. It is uncomfortable and awkward and real. That is what makes it so special and so fantastic." The play is a perfect complement to Highwood's 2014-2015 season theme, The Human Network - exploring our stories, emotions, and connections to one another.

Other Desert Cities features the talents of Sue Schaeffel (Polly Wyeth), Bob Chaves (Lyman Wyeth), Melissa Robinson (Silda Grauman) Anna Jackson (Brooke Wyeth) and Tim Torre (Trip Wyeth). Directed by Ryan Gunning. Stage Manager: Layla Edwards; Designed by: Kevin Kearney, Toly Yarup and Ryan Gunning.

About The Highwood Theatre

The Highwood Theatre is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the community together through

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theatre. Now in its 12th Season, Highwood's guiding principle is "anyone can do theatre." Highwood was founded in 2004 and began executing its mission through seasons of professional-quality theatre featuring all-student casts, design teams, and production staff. In 2013, in conjunction with its relocation to the heart of downtown Silver Spring, The Highwood Theatre expanded to more fully carry out its mission and develop innovative, engaging programming for artists of all ages through professional and student productions, classes, and programs in schools and for home schooled students.

The Highwood Theatre is creating a theatre hub in downtown Silver Spring made up of artists of all ages, regardless of past experience or training. Through productions and programs that combine both professional theatre artists and students - along with opportunities for development and training in all aspects of theatre - we hope to bring the community together and foster an environment where everyone feels comfortable, supported, and inspired to collaborate, share, appreciate, and create. For more information, go to www.thehighwoodtheatre.org.

Other Desert Cities is part of Highwood's 2014-2015 Mainstage Season and is the season's second production by its Your Theatre division, which is dedicated to producing high-quality professional theatre productions with mixed teams of talented adult and student actors.

Directions to The Highwood Theatre in Silver Spring

The Highwood Theatre in Silver Spring is located at 914 Silver Spring Avenue, Suite 102, Silver Spring, MD 20904. Street parking is available near the venue, and there is a county garage less than one block away. Parking is free on weekends. Arriving by metro? From the Silver Spring metro station (Red Line), head Northeast on Colesville Road toward Wayne Avenue. Turn right onto Wayne Avenue, Right onto Georgia Avenue, and left onto Silver Spring Avenue. The Highwood Theatre will be on your right. This route takes about ten minutes.

Contact Information

Tickets: <http://www.thehighwoodtheatre.org/tickets.html>

The Highwood Theatre Office: 301-587-0697

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Calendar Listing

Other Desert Cities, by John Robin Baitz, a Your Theatre production of the Highwood Theatre located in downtown Silver Spring. Performances are at 7:30 pm on Friday, February 6th; Saturday, February 7th; Thursday, February 12th, and Friday, February 13th. Matinee performances are at 2:00 pm on Sundays, February 8th and 15th. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for those under 25, and are on sale now. Visit www.thehighwoodtheatre.org for more information.

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