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OpenStage Launches Season With A Captivating New Work

Six Years Old Brings A Sincere And Childlike Lense To The Realities Of Queer Life

FORT COLLINS – OpenStage Theatre & Company is proud to kick off its 51st season by presenting *Six Years Old*, written by Daphne Silbiger and directed by Kiernan Angley. *Six Years Old* is the first show of OpenStage's *etcetera Season*, meaning it will offer raw, real, honest theatre in an intimate space. Foothills Unitarian will transform into Adalaide and Dewey's family apartment, where they will learn about the world and their places in it.

Adalaide knows a few things: her stupid babysitter Kim is stupid, her younger brother Dewey is a naked mole rat, the film *Godzilla* expresses the paranoid id of the nuclear age, and she does NOT like being treated like a girl. She wants to be a boy, Han Solo from *Star Wars* to be exact, and is willing to go to drastic lengths to make her wish come true. *Six Years Old* is a comic and poignant play where everyone in the story is played by adults, "no kids allowed;" it's a play reflecting back on the wild fantasies and serious desires of queer childhood.

OpenStage is partnering with Parenting the Rainbow and OUT Boulder County during the run of this production. Parenting the Rainbow is a safe and supportive community for families with trans, non-binary, and gender-expansive kids ages 10 and younger in Boulder County. Emily Stout and Maren Gauldin will host a talkback following the student/educator performance on Thursday, September 28.

This production of *Six Years Old* also features original music from the local Fort Collins band, Sick Trick. The four-piece indie rock band explores many genres of music, creating original and creative songs for human consumption.

Six Years Old plays from September 29 through October 14. All performances start at 7:30 pm at Foothills Unitarian. Visit www.openstagesixyearsold.com for a complete list of performances, including a free student/educator performance on September 28 and a Pay-What-You-Can performance on October 5.

CONTENT WARNING: *Mature situations. Mature language. Not intended or suited for children.*

TRIGGER WARNING: *Transphobia. Attempted suicide. Questions about content? Contact OpenStage at 970.484.5237.*

Tickets for *Six Years Old* are \$22 for a regular ticket and \$15 for ages 16 and under. Tickets are available online at www.opentagesixyearsold.com or by calling the Lincoln Center Box Office at 970.221.6730. The box office is open 12 pm – 6 pm Tuesday – Saturday.

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Performance Dates

Thursday @ 7:30 pm: September 28 (Student/Educator), October 5 (Pay-What-You-Can)
Friday @ 7:30 pm: September 29 (Opening Night), October 6, October 13
Saturday @ 7:30 pm: September 30, October 7, October 14 (Closing Night)

Performance Location

Foothills Unitarian
1815 Yorktown Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80526

Cast

Adalaide	Trisha Gillin
Kim	Caleb Gilbert
Dewey	Stevie Rose
Amy	Soleil Lean Geddes
Dr. Janet	Brikaih Flore
Ms. Ramona	Savannah Svoboda

Creative and Production Team

Director	Kiernan Angley
Assistant Director/Stage Manager/Dramaturge	Sarah J Baker
Choreographer	Savannah Svoboda
Lighting Designer	Jack Krause
Sound Design	Victoria Villalobos
Properties Designer	Lindsey Stavile
Costume Designer/Make-Up Designer	Sydney Parks Smith
Production Manager	Kate Austin-Gröen