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## **Hampton Roads Artists Unite To Tell the Stories of The Pulse Nightclub**

**Norfolk** - Coinciding with Pride Month, Zeiders American Dream Theater and Access AIDS Care/The LGBT Center of Hampton Roads, as well as artists from across Hampton Roads will come together in producing the play *After Orlando: Stories of the Los 49*.

The production is a series of short plays, written by playwrights across the globe in response to the tragedy that robbed 49 lives from the world too soon. The production will be co-directed by local artists Ricardo Melendez, Bart Kuebler, Kat Martin, and Connor Norton. Tickets to this event are \$25 each. Ticket sales will benefit a blossoming local theatre initiative, *The Orange Ave. Project* with \$5 from each ticket going to support Access AIDS Care and The LGBT Center of Hampton Roads.

*The Orange Ave. Project* is an ethnographic theatrical research project intended to use the words, interviews, and accounts of those affected by the Pulse shooting to create an evolving and living theatre experience that celebrates the lives of the 49 Lost. The final product will use theatre, visual art, music, multimedia, and more to represent these stories honestly through the voices of those affected, and the artists who bring those words to life. *The Orange Avenue Project* will be presented in May of 2018 at The Zeiders American Dream Theater, and in June at the Pulse second year Remembrance.

*After Orlando: Stories of the Los 49* runs June 8 and 9 at 7:30pm each day at the Benjack Studio Theatre in Norfolk. Tickets are \$25 at the door or online at [AmericanDreamTheater.org](http://AmericanDreamTheater.org)

**Benjack Studio Theatre is located at 325 Granby Street Street, Norfolk, VA 23510**

### **ABOUT ZEIDERS AMERICAN DREAM THEATER**

Zeiders American Dream Theater develops the potential we have to foster local and emerging talent and provide them an opportunity a stage, a voice to do what they are passionate about doing and hopefully, in the process, inspire others to do the same. Currently Zeiders American Dream Theater is a nonprofit theater with an 80 seat theater in the Block 6 area of Town Center in Virginia Beach. In 2018, we will be moving to Block 9 of Town Center with new facilities which will include a 300 seat thrust stage, 100 seat cabaret space, recording studio and spacious new lobby facing the plaza. Learn more at [AmericanDreamTheater.org](http://AmericanDreamTheater.org)

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