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THE Z PRESENTS *ARBOROPHILIA, OR THE CHOPPING BLOCK* World Premiere comedy from Jacob Appel, debuts this fall.

Virginia Beach - Zeiders American Dream Theater (ZADT) in Town Center under the leadership of Artistic Director Bart Kuebler and Executive Director Terry Flint, is pleased to present the world premiere comedy studio production, ***Arborophilia, or The Chopping Block***.

A solidly Democratic New York City matriarch finds herself losing control when her elder daughter falls in love with a Republican as her younger daughter falls for...a poplar tree in the adjacent vacant lot. The modern world is examined with all the absurdities of its various jury duties, anthropologies, and title searches exposed. ***Arborophila, or The Chopping Block*** begins **September 15 through September 17** with performances **Friday and Saturdays at 8pm, and Saturday and Sunday at 2pm.**

Jacob Appel (Playwright) is the author of two literary novels, six short story collections, an essay collection, a cozy mystery and a forthcoming thriller. His first novel, *The Man Who Wouldn't Stand Up*, won the 2012 Dundee International Book Award and was published by Cargo. His short story collection, *Scouting for the Reaper*, won the 2012 Hudson Prize and was published by Black Lawrence Press in 2014. Jacob is currently an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and an attending physician at Mount Sinai Hospital, Beth Israel Hospital, and St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. At Mount Sinai, he designed and teaches the ethics curriculum for the first and second year medical students, lectures in the psychiatric clerkship, and runs the ethics courses for the psychiatry residents. He also established and supervises a creative writing elective for the medical students.

Arborophilia, Or The Chopping Bock is a farce of ideas that satirizes traditional comedies of marriage and intergenerational conflict. The play is off-beat, provocative and fun.

Arborophilia, or The Chopping Block runs September 15-September 17 at 8:00pm on Friday and Saturday, and Saturday and Sunday at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$23 at the door or online at AmericanDreamTheater.org

Zeiders American Dream Theater is located at 4573 Bank Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

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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

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