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THE Z PRESENTS *GROTESQUERIE LAKE*
World Premiere musical staged reading from James Rubio,
debuting this January.

Virginia Beach - Zeiders American Dream Theater (The Z) in Town Center under the leadership of Artistic Director Bart Kuebler and Executive Director Terry Flint, is pleased to present the world premiere musical staged reading, ***Grotesquerie Lake***.

When the carnival comes to Youngstown in the summer of 1976, recent high school graduate and aspiring amateur magician Frank gets drawn into the enchanted world behind the curtains. His skill in the shooting galleries makes him a hero to the barkers, carnies, and townspeople as it simultaneously makes him a marked man in the eyes of the wizard behind the carnival's trickery. ***Grotesquerie Lake*** begins **January 12** through **January 14, 2018** with performances **Friday and Saturdays at 8pm, and Saturday and Sunday at 2pm.**

James Rubio (Playwright) received a B.S. in Biology from Virginia Commonwealth University and was a 1st year medical student at the Medical College of Virginia before dropping out during his second semester to pursue his passion in music.. He later earned a B.M. in Music Composition from Virginia Commonwealth University and an MFA from the Graduate Musical Theatre Writing Program at NYU. James is a local Virginia Beach native who grew up in Hampton Roads in the 80's and 90's. "*Grotesquerie Lake* is an homage to the wondrous stories I read in childhood: the fantastical worlds of fairy tales and fantasy novels that fed my imagination. I decided early on that my fairy tale would be steeped in magic realism versus pure fantasy. I hope audiences connect with the musical and its themes of following one's vision, staying true to oneself, and embracing the magic in everyday life." says James.

Grotesquerie Lake has a score influenced both by classical music and the music of the 1970s, and is an original musical set in Youngstown, OH in 1976. Borrowing story elements from the ballet *Swan Lake* and the opera *Der Freischutz*, the musical tells a fantastical story that imparts the importance of never losing focus- despite the distractions- and always remaining true to your vision. This will be a Studio Reading; the actors will have script in hand, there will be some scenic elements and projections, minimal costumes, and theatrical lighting.

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Grotesquerie Lake is directed by Chris Hanna and runs January 12-14, 2018 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, known as The Z, is a professional, non-profit performing arts company whose mission is to provide a wide range of highly entertaining artistic experiences to the community by fostering and introducing new works and exceptionally gifted artists in all areas of the performing arts. The Z is a community hub for celebrating creative growth and entertainment. With intimate performance spaces and unique programming that generates an exciting connection between the performer and the audience, The Z inspires audiences and performers to tap into their own creative spark, unleash their dreams, and achieve their full potential. AmericanDreamTheater.org

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