

**For Immediate Release:**  
**Live Arts Playwrights' Lab presents**  
**LOCALLY SOURCED 2021**  
**Sept 9-12**



*Left to Right: Dawn Schimke, Julius Neelley, Tanya K Manwill, Boomie Pedersen, Chris Baumer, David Minton, BL Sherk. Photo by Kathleel Mueller.*

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**Charlottesville, VA** - Live Arts Playwrights' Lab is excited to present **LOCALLY SOURCED**, four premieres of short works by Playwrights' Lab members: *Marriage Wars* by BL Sherk; *Innovation* by John Lawson; *The Stoop* by Tanya K Manwill; and *Seek Immediate Shelter* by Julius Neelley. **LOCALLY SOURCED** will have four performances only, Thursday, September 9, through Sunday, September 12, at Live Arts Theater, 123 E Water Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902. Tickets are on a Pay-What-You-Can basis, with suggested ticket price of \$20, and are available through the Box Office at 434-977-4177 x123 or online at at [livearts.org/tix](https://livearts.org/tix).

## LOCALLY SOURCED 2021

LOCALLY SOURCED is an annual presentation of short original plays workshopped at the bi-monthly Live Arts Playwrights' Lab meetings. The four pieces chosen by an outside selection committee for this year's festival are examples of the abundant playwriting talent present in the greater Charlottesville community.

"The Live Arts Playwrights' Lab is an interactive group that strives to support the development of plays as per a nonjudgmental, inclusive process," says TK Manwill, the producer of, and a featured playwright in, this year's LOCALLY SOURCED. Local playwrights of every experience level meet at the Lab to share, read, give feedback, and discuss their work in a creative, supportive setting. Lab facilitators Courtney Walker and Chasan Hall encourage interested writers to get in touch for information about the Lab's upcoming schedule of meetings ([lab-fac@livearts.org](mailto:lab-fac@livearts.org)).

*Marriage Wars* is directed by David Minton; *Innovation* is directed by Chris Baumer; *The Stoop* is directed by Boomie Pedersen; and *Seek Immediate Shelter* is directed by Dawn Schimke. The LOCALLY SOURCED cast includes:

- Bob Abbott
- Elizabeth Brubaker
- Gwen Cassady
- Lynne Cates
- Brian Dowd
- Chris Estey
- Paige Goodloe
- Mary Catherine Hughes
- Danny Wagner
- Austen Weathersby



*Inside the audition room for **LOCALLY SOURCED**. Photo by Kathleel Mueller.*

## **About Live Arts**

Live Arts is a nonprofit community theater in Downtown Charlottesville, powered by more than 1,200 volunteers. Founded in 1990, Live Arts is celebrating 31 years of forging theater and community. Live Arts is supported in part by the Virginia Commission for the Arts, which receives support from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. The 2021/22 Season is also supported by the Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band at the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, Albemarle County, and by philanthropic gifts from hundreds of theater lovers in our community.

## **For more information**

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## CALENDAR Information on LOCALLY SOURCED 2021

**WHO:** LIVE ARTS PLAYWRIGHTS' LAB presents

**WHAT: LOCALLY SOURCED 2021:** *Marriage Wars* by BL Sherk; *Innovation* by John Lawson; *The Stoop* by Tanya K Manwill; and *Seek Immediate Shelter* by Julius Neelley.

**DIRECTORS:** Chris Baumer, David Minton, Boomie Pedersen, Dawn Schimke

**CAST:** Bob Abbott, Elizabeth Brubaker, Gwen Cassady, Lynne Cates, Brian Dowd, Chris Estey, Paige Goodloe, Mary Catherine Hughes, Danny Wagner, Austen Weathersby

**DATES:** Thursday, September 9 – Sunday, September 12, 2021

**SHOWTIMES:** Thursday @ 7:30 pm; Friday & Saturday @ 8 pm; Sunday @ 2 pm.

**Closes Sunday, September 12**

**WHERE:** Live Arts Theater, 123 East Water Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902

**TICKETS:** Pay-What-You-Can, suggested price of \$20

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