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Cesear's Forum will present CANADIAN GOTHIC & AMERICAN MODERN

Cesear's Forum will present Joanna McClelland Glass' CANADIAN GOTHIC & AMERICAN MODERN, two one-act plays in a limited engagement at Playhouse Square this fall, playing Kennedy's Cabaret September 26 through October 25. These two plays share exchanges of dialog directly to the audience and then to onstage characters. The telling illuminates time, place, societal concerns and personal struggles with a quizzical reflection of worldviews. The former concerns Saskatchewan family life on the prairie and the conflicts of a young girl in love with an indigenous native Canadian. The latter addresses middle-aged commuter suburban life and the couple's youthful scavenger relationship with tangible bric-a-brac.

The intersection of American and Canadian perspectives (Ms. Glass was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan), and of youth and age informs many of Joanna McClelland Glass' plays, which include: TRYING, PLAY MEMORY, IF WE ARE WOMEN, TO GRANDMOTHER'S HOUSE WE GO, YESTERYEAR, ARTICHOKE, PALMER PARK and MRS. DEXTER AND HER DAILY. Ms. Glass has written two novels and adapted them into screenplays: "Reflections on a Mountain Summer," and "Woman Wanted."

CANADIAN GOTHIC was adapted for radio by both the CBC and BBC (Canadian/British Broadcasting Corporations) and is indicative of a more narrative style, while AMERICAN MODERN has been linked more closely with Samuel Beckett's theatre of the absurd. Both plays, minimalist by design, evoke the social and experimental approach to storytelling that the regional Cesear's Forum Company has become known for over time. The cast includes Tricia Bestic, Graceyn Cecilia Dowd, John Duran, Joe Milan, Gilgamesh Taggett and is directed by Greg Cesear. The production is sponsored, in part, by Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

CANADIAN GOTHIC & AMERICAN MODERN, two one-act plays by Joanna McClelland Glass:

September 26 through October 25, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Two Sunday Matinees at 3 p.m. on October 12 and 19, 2025. Tickets are available for purchase by calling 216-241-6000 or visit www.playhousesquare.org.

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