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### **Festival of Ten-minute Plays Returning to Easton**

*North Easton, MA - August 1, 2016* The Stedfast School of Music & Arts, in conjunction with The Easton Shovel Town Cultural District is thrilled to announce The Second Annual Shovel Town 10-Minute Play Festival will be held at the historic Oakes Ames Memorial Hall this fall. "Immediately after the success of last year's Festival, audience members, cast and crew were asking if we'd be doing this again in 2016," said Carolyn Cole, Chair of the Cultural District and Production Advisor for The Festival. "This vibrant theatre event brought us from poignant pause, to tears, to rip-roaring laughter in a matter of minutes...a breakthrough in live theatre for Easton!"

The Festival features eight short plays performed by a multigenerational cast of over thirty local actors. Live music performed between plays makes this evening unique, with music ranging from gospel to Broadway to classic rock. "With the cost effectiveness, convenience and availability of recordings, music that can be experienced live as an integral part of theatre is quickly becoming a thing of the past," said Paula F. Greiner, Owner of The Stedfast School of Music and Arts and Co-Producer and Musical Director of The Festival. "Offering live music is just one more component in what is already an uncommon, exciting and affordable evening of entertainment."

A new element for this year's Festival is The Student Director Program. Under the mentorship of Stedfast School of Music and Arts Drama Director Victoria Kirichok and Co-Producer of the Festival, sixteen-year-old Catherine Vu of Easton will direct one of the plays. "Theatre has enriched my life since I began acting when I was twelve years old," said Mrs. Kirichok, "But when I had the opportunity to direct for the first time in college, I was hooked. Directing gives you a chance to have a hand in all aspects of a production. I am so happy to be able to share that with a developing director."

Performances will be held Friday, September 23rd and Saturday, September 24th at 7:30. Oakes Ames Memorial Hall is located at 3 Barrows Street, North Easton. General Admission tickets are available in advance for \$15.00 on-line at:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2582651> .

Tickets will be available at the door for \$20 and \$18 for students and seniors.