

Carol's Culture Corner

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STUPID KID by Carol Kaufman Segal

The Road Theatre Company is presenting *Stupid Kids* at The Road on Magnolia as their first production of the 2017-2018 Season. As is the Company's commitment to bring new works to their audiences, this is the premiere of the play written by acclaimed



American playwright Sharr White. What a brilliant beginning to their season!

Chick (Ben Theobald), 28-year old son of Gigi (Taylor Gilbert) and Eddie (Joe Hart), has just returned home after spending 14-years in prison for the murder of his girlfriend. Chick insists he didn't commit the crime even though he pleaded guilty at his trial.



In the 14-years that he has been away, the family has suffered financially and he finds them under the duress of his treacherous Uncle Mike (Rob Nagle), Gigi's brother. The scenes in Act I present a family under a great deal of stress performed brilliantly by an exceptionally talented cast.

The tension mounts more so in Act II, and if anyone questions why Chick pleaded guilty to a crime he continues to insist he did not commit, the answer will be revealed as the play continues on to its conclusion.



This production deserves accolades for its artistry from the writing by Sharr White, the direction by Cameron Watson, the scenic design by Jeff McLaughlin, to a star cast that also includes Michelle Gillette as Franny Hawker, a most irritating neighbor, and Allison Blaize, as Uncle Mike's forced upon girlfriend, Hazel.

Performances of *Stupid Kid* are presented Fridays and Saturdays at 8 PM, and Sundays at 2 PM, through November 12, at the Road Theatre on Magnolia located in The NoHo Senior Arts Colony, 10747 Magnolia Blvd., North Hollywood. Tickets are available by calling (818) 761-8838, or online at www.RoadTheatre.org.

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