

THEATRE REVIEWS

I attended the first production of The Road Theatre Company's 26th season, and as always here, every moment was **CAPTIVATING**. This highly respected theatrical group just never disappoints!

By **PAT TAYLOR** — September 28, 2017



Joe Hart, Taylor Gilbert, Rob Nagle, Allison Blaize and Ben Theobald star in The Road Theatre Company's World Premiere of "Stupid Kid" by Sharr White, directed by Cameron Watson, now playing at The Road Theatre on Magnolia in NoHo. Brian Cole.

*From comedic to dramatic choices, they never fail to delight and mesmerize their audiences. If you've never experienced their creative genius... you must!*

#### 'Stupid Kid'

In its World Premiere, this compelling drama grabs your attention from the first moment... and never lets go! Written **BRILLIANTLY** by Sharr White, and directed with **FEROCIOUS FAMILIAL FOCUS** by Cameron Watson, we are privy to the lives and challenges of a poverty stricken family.

When the adult son (an **IMPRESSIVE** Ben Theobald) comes home after a 14-year stint in prison, the story unfolds. He is returning to his parents' house where his sex-starved Uncle Mike (a **DESPICABLY DELICIOUS** Rob Nagle) now inhabits his old bedroom. As his middle aged plain folk parents, Taylor Gilbert and Joe Hart give stunningly heartfelt performances, not soon to be forgotten. In smaller roles, Allison Blaize is **GUTWRENCHING** and Michelle Gillette is **QUIRKY FUN** as the nosy neighbor.

You can always count on this dedicated and multi-talented troupe to offer wonderful performances, inspiring set designs and captivating scripts. Behind the scenes kudos all around: Kate Bergh (Costume Designer), Jeff McLaughlin (Scenic Designer), Jared A. Sayeg (Lighting Designer), Christopher Moscatiello (Sound Designer) and Michael O'Hara (Props).

It takes many creative people, both on and off the stage, to set the perfect scenario for an audience's full involvement. This troupe just never misses a beat! Once you discover their caliber of commitment you too will become a forever fan!

"Stupid Kid" runs through Sunday, November 12 at The Road Theatre Company located at 10747 Magnolia Blvd. in North Hollywood. For tickets call (818) 761-8838 or visit [RoadTheatre.org](http://RoadTheatre.org).

That's my story for this time... keep tuning in!