

Stupid Kid Interviews



The Road Theatre on Magnolia is proud to present a world premiere play by Sharr White entitled Stupid Kid. After 14 years in prison for a crime he swears he didn't commit, Chick returns home to find his flat-broke family under the thumb of his dangerous Unclemike. A rollicking Gothic Western tale of a family isolated by shame, Stupid Kid explores power, guilt and the limits of maternal love. The play officially opened Friday, September 22 and is running through Sunday, November 12 at the Road Theatre on Magnolia.

*Each week we will spotlight members of the cast and /or creative team. This week we take pride in placing actress **Allison Blaize** in the spotlight.*

What character do you play in Stupid Kid?

Hazel.

How does that character contribute to the message of the play?

No matter how far gone life may seem, a good heart and perseverance will be rewarded.

How are you preparing as an actor to portray your character?

I've been watching a lot of documentaries about women in the state system, and how difficult it is to get out of the system once you're in it. As well, as dressing like Hazel, doing activities like her. I even took it as an opportunity to ride horses!

Tell us about working with your director and fellow cast members.

It has been a pleasure and joy to create with Cameron (Watson). He truly involves the actor in his direction. I always feel free to play in rehearsal, which is a wonderful feeling. And as for working with the cast, I am inspired by each actor as performer and as an individual. I will never forget these truly unique artists.

What do you hope audiences will take away from seeing the play?

I hope they will laugh and resonate with these characters, and laugh about their own turmoil in their current life. Ultimately, I hope that audience won't feel alone with any struggle in their day to day life, and just to remember in the darkest of times that something extraordinarily beautiful can come from something gruesome.