

Olde Towne Depot, Part II

said Moore. This is the first time Moore has directed a stage show, but he's directed a few films, including *Blessed Are the Children*, *Triggered*, and *A Stranger Among the Living*, which is having its local premiere at the Malco Theatre in Madison on September 12. Moore also wrote *Finding Laurel*, which won first place at the MTA Playwriting Contest in 2013. He's performed as an actor in several shows, including *Boeing, Boeing*; *Gypsy, Company*; *Stop Kiss*; *Assassins*; and *Into the Woods*. Currently, Moore performs with The Detectives Comedy Dinner Theatre and tours in the southeast United States.

The Night Shift is written by John Lowe and directed by Eric Riggs. Lowe is originally from Vicksburg and has worked in advertising in California and in Mississippi. He served as editor of a trade magazine, copyedited books for a university press, lettered comic books and dabbled as a ventriloquist.

"I've always been interested in writing in one way or another. Authors such as Ray Bradbury, Elmore

Leonard and Hunter S. Thompson are inspirations," said Lowe. *The Night Shift* consists of two charac-



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John Lowe

ters, a man and a woman, is just under ten minutes in length and uses a minimal setting. The play is about

a young woman and her cat, with the cat being played by a man. Actors for Lowe's play will be Keni Bounds and Chris Moore. Riggs says, "I was asked to direct it and thought, 'Why not?' It's a pretty cute script, and I think we can have some fun with it." Rigg's day job is with The Detectives Comedy Dinner Theatre.

The Night Shift is Lowe's first play, although he's self-published comics and contributed stories to other comics, written skits and jokes for his ventriloquist characters, and produced three books for the Ink-Slingers, a writer's group in Clinton.

Lowe served as editor and producer of a new book published in June 2019, *What Would Elvis Think? Mississippi Stories*. He has collaborated for the Visitor's Center in Clinton, working with Jacque Tharp to publish *For Those Who Served: Clintonians in the U.S. Mil-*

itary. Because of performing as a ventriloquist, Lowe had been involved in acting, including a scene in the film *If These Porches Could Talk* that was shot in Brookhaven in 2008.

Lowe's family moved to Clinton in 1973, where Lowe attended Clinton High School during his junior and senior years. After college, Lowe moved to California and returned to Clinton in 2007.

The other two plays chosen for the series are *The Gingerbread Man*, by Judy Tucker, and *Sugarman*, by Joedda Gore.

The five winning one-act plays will be performed at the Olde

Towne Depot in Clinton on Thursday, September 26.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a two-part series detailing the writers and topics of the five one-act plays that will be performed at the Olde Towne Depot on September 26.



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